



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Technology (DoT) to enter into contract with Softchoice LLC for Cisco SmartNet maintenance services to support citywide Metronet hardware. The Metronet is a critical component of the computing infrastructure of the city. SmartNet supports data transfer needs for imaging applications as well as other city applications such as e-mail, CUBS (utility billing), purchasing/procurement/accounting systems, payroll/personnel, VOIP telephone service, WiFi access, and geographic information systems (GIS).

There were five (5) responses to RFQ (request for quotation) RFQ019686, which opened on September, 17, 2021. The respondents were as follows:

<u>OFFEROR</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
ITSAAVY	Non-responsive
SOFTCHOICE	\$236,597.59
CDW-G	\$240,445.39
BROWN	Non-responsive
GOVCONNECTION	Non-responsive

DoT is recommending that this contract be awarded to Softchoice LLC for \$236,597.59, being the lowest responsive bid. The term of the contract will be one-year, beginning on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 and ending on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2022. This contract is not subject to automatic renewal, however upon mutual agreement and authorized appropriation, it may be renewed for 3-additional one-year terms

This ordinance also authorizes the expenditure of \$236,597.59 for the above-described purpose.

### EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to avoid disruptions to the above-described systems.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this contract is budgeted and is available within the Department of Technology, Information Services Division, Information Services Operating Fund and other fund agencies' direct charge budgets within DoT.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NUMBER:**

Vendor Name: Softchoice

Vendor #: 022312

CC#: 13-3827773      Exp. Date: 1/14/2022

To authorize the Director of the Department of Technology to enter into contract with Softchoice LLC for Cisco SmartNet maintenance services, to authorize the expenditure of \$236,597.59 from the Department of Technology, Information Services Division, Information Services Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$236,597.59)

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for Cisco SmartNet maintenance services to support the citywide Metronet hardware; and

**WHEREAS**, Softchoice submitted the lowest, responsive bid for the above stated services; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of this contract will be for one year, from September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 and ending on September 19<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is not subject to automatic renewal, however upon mutual agreement and authorized appropriation, may be renewed for 3-additional one-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of this contract is \$236,597.59; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Technology in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Technology to enter into contract with Softchoice, LLC for Cisco SmartNet hardware maintenance services to avoid disruption in services, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; now, therefore:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the Director of the Department of Technology be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Softchoice LLC for the purchase of Cisco SmartNet hardware maintenance support services, in the amount of \$236,597.59 for a one (1) year term, starting on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 and ending on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**SECTION 2:** That the expenditure of \$236,597.59, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended as shown in the attachment to this ordinance (see 2509-2021EXP)

**SECTION 3:** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any changes to revise the funding source for any contract or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 5:** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

