

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is responsible for the protection and promotion of public health, safety, and welfare, including by ensuring that the City's technological capabilities and economic and structural conditions allow our businesses, communities, and residents to thrive; and

WHEREAS, As one of the largest cities in the country, the City, like all major cities, is reliant on technology as an essential part of government operations, but has struggled to develop, execute, and strengthen technology in a practical and efficient manner across the City's departments; and

WHEREAS, In order to enhance the City's technological operational productivity and reduce annual expenditures by identifying opportunities for efficiencies and cost savings, the City must conduct a comprehensive technology assessment with a third-party vendor with experience in managing the City's existing data and technology systems; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has a responsibility to ensure not only that public funds are spent in a responsible and efficient manner, but also that the City is able to meet the technological demands of modern government in a manner that reflects the diversity of the City and that protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, call on the Department of Procurement Services to initiate a competitive bidding process to identify a qualified third-party vendor to conduct a technology assessment as described in this resolution, giving priority to vendors with the lowest bids who already provide technology-related services to the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the scope of the technology assessment shall, at a minimum, encompass a thorough examination of the following characteristics: topology assessment; software and hardware infrastructure assessment; resource utilization including CPU, memory, network, storage; application tiering, including recovery time objective and recovery point objective; cost forecasting, including ongoing application costs, finalized total cost of ownership, and return on investment; cybersecurity risks; strategies for new revenue generation; data duplication; multi-cloud and private cloud strategies; the City's existing data center footprint; and opportunities to increase participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Such technology assessment shall be completed no later than November 30, 2024.



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