

# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Participation in US Communities Nationwide Purchasing Program  
Contracts for Purchase of Desktop and Notebook Computers

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2000

PREPARED BY: Information Systems Manager  
Finance Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing City departments to purchase desktop and notebook computers, as budgeted for the fiscal years 1999-2001, in aggregate amounts of \$15,000 or less, from either Micron Electronics or Dell Computers, under competitively-bid contracts awarded to each by Fairfax County, Virginia, through sponsorship by the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.

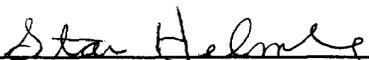
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On June 16, 1999, the City Council adopted Resolution 99-88 authorizing staff to purchase desktop computers as budgeted for 1999-2001, in aggregate amounts of \$15,000 or less, using State of California CMAS agreements with Micron or Dell.

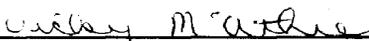
Now, the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance offers an alternative. The Alliance is the primary program offered by the US Communities Purchasing and Finance Agency ("US Communities"), a non-profit public-benefit corporation established as an "instrumentality" of government to help local agencies reduce the cost of, and to help manage the financing of, purchased goods.

Contracts with Dell and Micron were competitively bid by Fairfax County, Virginia, and offer discounts similar to those enjoyed by the City under CMAS contracts. However, under US Communities sponsorship the agreements are available to cities without the 1.21% CMAS administrative fee. With adoption of this resolution, staff would have the ability to buy budgeted notebook computers as well as desktop computers, using whichever contract offers the best value to the City, without further competitive bidding.

It is therefore recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of notebook and desktop computers, as approved in the 1999-2001 budget, in amounts of \$15,000 or less, using Fairfax County-bid and US Communities-sponsored agreements with either Micron or Dell, without further competitive bidding or Council approval. Staff would continue to provide the City Council with quarterly reports of purchases under this resolution and Resolution 99-88, and for computer purchases in excess of \$15,000, staff would continue to submit its recommendations to the City Council for review prior to purchase or solicitation of bids.

FUNDING: None required. Estimated annual savings (vs. CMAS): \$600

  
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Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Prepared by Joel Harris, Purchasing Officer

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING  
PARTICIPATION IN US COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE  
PURCHASING PROGRAM CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF  
DESKTOP AND NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS

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WHEREAS, on June 16, 1999, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 99-88 authorizing staff to purchase desktop computers as budgeted for 1999-2001, in aggregate amounts of \$15,000 or less, using State of California CMAS agreements with Micron and Dell; and

WHEREAS, US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance offers an alternative. The Alliance is the primary program offered by the US Communities Purchasing and Finance Agency, a non-profit public-benefit corporation established as an "instrumentality" of government to help local agencies reduce the cost of, and to help manage the financing of, purchased goods; and

WHEREAS, Contracts with Dell and Micron were competitively bid by Fairfax County, Virginia, and offer discounts similar to those enjoyed by the City under CMAS contracts. However, under US Communities sponsorship the agreements are available to cities without the 1.21% CMAS administrative fee. With adoption of this Resolution, staff would have the ability to purchase budgeted notebook computers as well as desktop computers, using whichever contract offers the best value to the City, without further competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore recommended that the City Council authorize staff to purchase notebook and desktop computers as approved in the 1999-2001 budget, in the amounts of \$15,000 or less, using Fairfax County-bid and US Communities-sponsored agreements with either Micron or Dell, without further competitive bidding or Council approval; and

WHEREAS, staff will continue to provide the City Council with quarterly reports of purchases under this Resolution and Resolution No. 99-88, and for computer purchases in excess of \$15,000, staff will continue to submit its recommendations to the City Council for review prior to purchase or solicitation of bids.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize staff to purchase desktop computers as budgeted for 1999-2001, in aggregate amounts of \$15,000.00 or less, from either Micron Electronics or Dell Computers, under competitively-bid contracts awarded to each by Fairfax County, Virginia, through sponsorship by the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.

Dated: September 20, 2000

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-160 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held September 20, 2000 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Nakanishi, Pennino and Mayor Mann

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk