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Date: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Rey Valdes  
City Manager

Department: Eylin Fernandez  
Acting Information Technology Director

Subject: VMware Licensing and Support Renewal

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## **Introduction**

The Information Technology Department respectfully requests the Mayor and City Council members approve licensing and support renewal for our virtualization solution. These essential technologies are vital to our IT infrastructure's efficient operation and management, enabling us to provide seamless services to our constituents and maintain high data security. Renewal will be processed from GovConnection, Inc., and the amount will not exceed \$55,358.40. Funds are allocated in the IT Maintenance and Repair Account # 001.22005.500460.

## **Background**

The City of Doral has utilized VMware solutions for virtualization and data center management for several years. VMware is a central platform that allows us to manage and monitor our virtualized environment. The City of Doral currently has over a hundred virtual machines running on our data centers. This software allows us to install new virtual machines, manage the resources of each virtual machine, and restore backups. In addition, this solution provides advanced features, including enhanced resource management, high availability, and robust security capabilities.

VMware has consistently demonstrated stability and reliability in our infrastructure, minimizing downtime and ensuring business continuity. These technologies have been integral to our IT operations, helping us optimize resource utilization, enhance system performance, and reduce hardware costs.

## **Procurement**

Section 2-322 of the City Code of Ordinances provides that the City may enter into contracts procured by other public entities and cooperative purchasing ventures. Accordingly, the City may solicit the goods and services provided by vendors participating in Technology Solutions, Products, and Services Contract No. 230105, which were competitively procured via The Interlocal Purchasing System.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The Fiscal Impact for this year is Fifty Five Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars and 40/100 (\$55,358.40) with funds allocated in the IT Maintenance and Repair Account #: 001.22005.500460.

## **Strategic Plan Alignment**

The renewal of virtualization solution licensing and support aligns with the city's strategic goal of exceptional service and public safety by ensuring the reliability and scalability of critical IT infrastructure. Virtualization enhances the efficiency and availability of crucial public safety systems, improved disaster recovery capabilities, and uninterrupted service delivery. By maintaining up-to-date solutions and support, the city ensures that it can continue to meet residents' needs and provide a secure and responsive environment for essential public services.

## **Recommendation**

The City Manager's Office respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council Members authorize the use of Technology Solutions, Products, and Services, TIPS Contract No. 230105, for the renewal of our VMware licensing and support from GovConnection, Inc. in the amount of \$55,358.40. Funds are allocated in the IT Maintenance and Repair Account #: 001.22005.500460.