

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of
County Commissioners

DATE: 1/22/09

FILE: IT09-007

THRU: Michael Nurrenbrock
OMB Director

SUBJECT: Establish Blanket Purchase Order
for Advanced Broadband Services with
Bright House Networks, LLC

FROM: Jim Cerny
Chief Information Officer

REFERENCES: All Commissioner Districts

It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Authorization is requested to establish a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$185,846.00 with Bright House Networks, LLC for mission critical network services for the period October 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The County currently utilizes Bright House Networks, LLC for network services in several locations throughout the County.

On April 26, 2005, the BCC approved a Data Communications Services Agreement with Bright House Networks, LLC providing a dedicated 100Mb Fiber-Optic Intranet connection between four designated County buildings effective through September 30, 2007. Since the Board's initial approval of the service agreement, it has been amended several times as indicated in the table below.

BCC Approval Date	Type of Connection	Location
December 6, 2005	100Mb Fiber-Optic Intranet	David "Hap" Clark, Jr. Building, Land O' Lakes
December 6, 2005	100Mb Fiber-Optic Intranet	Land O' Lakes Detention Center, Land O' Lakes
April 12, 2006	10Mb Fiber-Optic Internet	East Pasco Government Center, Dade City
June 20, 2006	10Mb Fiber-Optic Intranet	Project Management Office, New Port Richey
June 20, 2006	10Mb Fiber-Optic Intranet	Supervisor of Elections & Property Appraiser, Wesley Chapel
July 10, 2007	100Mb Fiber-Optic Intranet	6th District Court Officer's Shared Network (COSN)
July 10, 2007	10Mb Fiber-Optic Internet	Tax Collector's Satellite Office, New Port Richey
July 10, 2007	10Mb Fiber-Optic Internet	Emergency Communication's Bldg A, New Port Richey

In July 2008, an invitation for bids was solicited to implement, maintain, and expand the Wide Area Network (WAN) while reducing the monthly fees associated with same. Bright House Networks, LLC was the lowest bidder and was selected to enter into an agreement with the County for these services. Since Bright House Networks' current services must continue without interruption and the agreement process is taking longer than anticipated, a blanket purchase order needs to be established for services rendered since October 1, 2008.

ALTERNATIVE AND ANALYSIS:

1. Approve staff's recommendation.
2. Disapprove staff's recommendation whereby mission critical network services would be interrupted when Bright House Networks discontinues services for non-payment of services. An interruption of these services will adversely affect operations and public services throughout the County.

RECOMMENDATION AND FUNDING:

The Information Technology Department recommends the requested blanket order be established in the amount of \$185,846.00 for the period October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009. The vendor information is as follows:

Bright House Networks, LLC
Attn: Billing Department
700 Carillion Parkway
Suite 5
St. Petersburg, FL 33716-1123
Fed ID#: 000020636401
Phone No. 727-579-8600

The Information Technology Department further requests authorization to increase the resulting blanket purchase order for the remaining months of the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 should a new contract for these services not be in place prior to March 1, 2009.

Funding for this is contained in Account No. B001-112800-34100, 34102, 34103, 34104, 34105, 34106, and 34107 of the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget and will be requested in subsequent Fiscal Year Budgets.

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