



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Purchase Order to United Data Technologies, in the amount of \$83,160.00 for Information & Telecom Services.

Presenter:

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Description:

Purchase Order to United Data Technologies, in the amount of \$83,160.00, for the purchase of Standard Cisco DUO Access, for Information & Telecomm Services. Prices, terms and conditions are per NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) ValuePoint Master Agreement number AR3227 and Participating Addendum/ACS (Alternate Contract Source) 43220000-NASPO - 19-ACS.

Recommended Action:

Approve the issuance of a purchase order to United Data Technologies, in the amount of \$83,160.00.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

IT budgeted \$83,160.00 in account 001.16.1600.519.54.80 (Subscriptions and Memberships).

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

Multifactor authentication (MFA) is a two-step process that requires users to verify their identities through two different pieces of evidence (credentials) when logging in to an account. Credentials fall into three categories: Something you know (like a password or PIN), something you have (like a smart card) or something you are (like your fingerprint). To enhance security, credentials must come from two different categories. Entering two different passwords would not be considered multi-factor. An example of this is using an ATM, where both the physical card and a PIN are required for access.

According to Verizon, “80% of security breaches involve compromised passwords”. MFA is a defense against compromised passwords. MFA is now a requirement of cyber liability insurance providers.

United Data Technologies is an established fulfillment partner for Cisco Systems, under the Cisco Prime Contract and are authorized by the State to participate as a Cisco subcontractor under that Agreement.

This purchase is exempt from the County's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Section 22.3-302 (13) of the Alachua County Procurement Code, Procurement of Supplies or Services under Contract with cooperatives, including cooperatives that the County participates in accordance with Article 10, Section 22.10-201 (Cooperative Purchasing Authorized), providing the vendor extends the same terms and conditions of the Contract to the County; however, since the dollar amount of the purchase exceeds the purchasing authority of the Procurement Manager, this is being submitted for Board consideration and approval.