



Date: March 08, 2022
Current Meeting: March 17, 2022
Board Meeting: March 24, 2022

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Chief Information Officer Marcus Burnside
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of Microsoft Dynamics licensing

ACTION ITEM A – 6

RECOMMENDATION:

In a manner consistent with IPTC procurement award standards, it is requested that the Board authorize the President/CEO to enter into a purchase agreement with Crowe Horwath LLP to provide Microsoft Dynamics 365 licensing in an amount not to exceed \$134,393.

BACKGROUND:

IPTC is currently migrating its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform from Microsoft Dynamics AX (on-premise) to Microsoft Dynamics 365 (cloud-based). Crowe Horwath LLP was selected as our Cloud Service Provider (CSP) at the December 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. The new cloud-based platform will allow IPTC to leverage new ERP features and modules for enhanced enterprise capabilities, increased accessibility and scalability for business continuity, and reduced cybersecurity threats to the ERP platform.

DISCUSSION:

The new D365 environment has been licensed for production use; however, the current licenses expire on March 31, 2022. This procurement will allow IPTC to license its production environment from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. As with our Microsoft Office 365 products, D365 licenses are purchased annually.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to purchase the D365 licensing. However, IPTC will no longer be able to complete the D365 Migration project nor realize a return on investment (ROI) on the funds already expended for the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of our D365 licensing for 2022 is \$134,393. IPTC will be exploring the cost variance between pricing with our Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) and the selected D365 CSP, Crowe Horwath LLP, for 2023. If the EA pricing is discounted more than our CSP pricing, we will incorporate the D365 licensing with our EA vendor, Dell Marketing, LLC.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

There is no DBE goal associated with this contract award.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Service Committee on March 17, 2022.