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Agenda Item #28: Award

Amendment of Award: Master Agreement No. MA-PO-24-94, Amendment No. 1, Custom Storage, L.L.C., d.b.a. cStor, to provide for flex production refresh and disaster & recovery deployment services. This amendment is for a one time increase in the amount of \$175,000.00 for a cumulative not-to-exceed contract amount of \$675,000.00. Funding Source: General Fund. Administering Department: Information Technology, on behalf of Treasurer's Office, PO Award MA-PO-24-94. It seems that this contract is poorly planned. There was a budget amount agreed to and now the Treasurer's office needs another 35%. That is a big miss calculation, and we are only 3 months into this contract.

Recommended action: Call or email the BoS and let them know that you are watching the budget and expect better returns on investment with fewer mistakes along the way.

Agenda Item #30: Tenex Software Solutions, Inc., Amendment No. 6, to provide for Tenex election desk modules and amend contractual language, General Fund, contract amount \$700,000.00 (MA-PO-22-80) Administering Department: Information Technology, on behalf of Elections Department.

Attachments: MA-PO-22-80

Since July 2022, Tenex Software Solutions, Inc., has been asking for increases to maintain and upgrade their Election Desk Modules, and to provide their software for new locations. This time, Tenex is asking for \$700,000.00 for printer toner to print ballots at the voting locations. This contract went from 1,500,000.00 per year, with three (3), 1-year options in 2-15-2022, to 4,600,000.00 by 4-2-2024. Isn't there a way to plan a budget for elections and stick to it? Or at least, not run almost 4 times over budget. You can pay a lot of people to count ballots for this kind of money.

This current contract states the "Public Benefit" of this continuation/increase in funding is, "A faster and easier voting experience for voters at each polling station; more efficient processing of Provisional Ballots resulting in timelier election results." Provisional Ballots are taken aside anyway, and verified within a timely manner already, IF needed.

Something else to consider: Tenex happens to be an affiliate of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) along with the following entities as Corporate Affiliates (to name a concerning few): Meta - (formerly Facebook) Government and Politics Outreach, DocuSign's Government Affairs, Mandiant who is "now part of Google Cloud", Ancestry's Content Acquisitions Manager, Comcast's Government Affairs, Democracy Live's remote accessible balloting technology, Dominion Voting System's Government Affairs, Microsoft's Civic Responsibility, Runbeck, Smartmatic, and the list goes on.

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Recommended action: Back to the main issue on spending increases; call or email the BoS. We have one of the highest paid county administrators in the country. These kinds of errors are unacceptable. \$700,000.00 for toner?

Agenda Item #38: Tenex Acceptance - Justice Services

Arizona Housing Coalition, Inc., Amendment No. 1, to provide for Bolstering Supportive Housing Now; High Impact Rural Supports & Statewide Capacity Buildings and amend grant language, no cost (GTAM 24-56) Attachment.

This item moves money already at the Department of Justice Services from Contractual to Other expenses. They already have the grant money but want to modify how they spend it from how they planned to spend it when it was awarded. It is 30,000.00 that they now want to spend on phones and phone services for homeless individuals.

Recommended action: Whoops another spending increase pulling from the taxpayer once again, we must have deep pockets. It is always a good idea to contact the BoS, they are spending the money at will.

Board Watcher Editorials

The Pima County BoS seems to enjoy frivolous proclamations every single board meeting. Proclaiming weeks for whatever cause seems warm and fuzzy at the time... I strongly recommend the BoS gets back to the BUSINESS of running the budget, and in that vein trying to stay IN budget. Every other week on the agenda one reads "spend" "spend" "spend".

To wit: Agenda item #32 Dental Insurance increases the annual award amount by \$600,000.00 from \$2,350,000.00 to \$2,950,000.00 for a cumulative not-to-exceed contract amount of \$ \$10,000,000.00. WHAT?

Also, the **Addendum 3, Opioid Settlement Funds Update** is alarming: "Additionally, \$3,859,760 allocated to the City of Tucson has been set aside for disposition pending finalization of an Intergovernmental Agreement." "Beginning in late 2022, Pima County and partner jurisdictions began to receive approximately \$48.5 million for the next 18 years as part of a legal settlement by pharmaceutical companies and distributors to mitigate the harm caused by the opioid epidemic. The settlement agreement between the State Attorney General and the participating jurisdictions (One Arizona Agreement) identifies the Health Department as the lead administrative entity for the County."

Money is being shoved the county's way, and apparently so far BoS Rex Scott is raising the question of where is the \$\$\$? This is very alarming - and begs the question: Big Pharm did a Big Pay Out to the county. What are we doing with the dough? Also, the big looming question: WHAT ABOUT ALL THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE PERPETUATING THE CRISIS???