

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 96-24


Authorizing the General Manager to issue request for proposals (RFP), for the MERC computer system upgrade project. The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds:

1. That the ConCentRics computer software and programs used by MERC has been upgraded by RIC Corporation to Microsoft operating software technology, and that the current MERC computer system cannot operate the Windows software, is not compatible with clients, contractors or other government computer systems and utilization exceeds original specifications.
2. That MERC and Metro staff have evaluated various options available to upgrade the current computer system and recommends the conversion to personal computers utilizing Windows based software in place of terminals.
3. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission is authorized to issue request for proposals to obtain pricing and availability for personal computers, software and support hardware for the computer system upgrade project in anticipation of fiscal 1996-1997 MERC budget approval.
5. That the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission has the authority to delegate this RFP process to the General Manager in order to enhance the effectiveness of its facilities operations and expedite this computer upgrade.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission authorize the General Manager to issue the RFP, negotiate and enter into contracts for the Computer System Upgrade, subject to Metro Counsel adoption of the fiscal year 1996-97 budget.

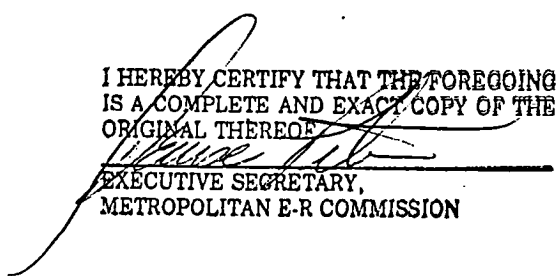
Passed by the Commission on April 10, 1996.


Chairman


Secretary/Treasurer

Approved As to Form:
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

By: 
Mark B. Williams
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IS A COMPLETE AND EXACT COPY OF THE
ORIGINAL THEREOF

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
METROPOLITAN E-R COMMISSION

MERC STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item/Issue: MERC Information System Up-grade

Date: April 10, 1996

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Background and Analysis: As previously reported, the MERC computer system is inadequate and cannot utilize Windows based software such as the new release of ConCentRics from RIC Corp. Terminals have to be replaced by PC's in order to utilize the new software programs. Support for the older software will also diminish as more systems are converted to the Windows software programs.

Resolution Nos. 96-4 and 96-5 for authorization to begin the procurement process and budget amendment were submitted and approved at the January 10, 1996 Commission meeting. However, the Metro Counsel determined at a later meeting that it wanted to evaluate the MERC computer system upgrade project during the 1996-97 budget review process and moved to have MERC withdraw the resolution.

MERC and Metro MIS staff have concluded that such an upgrade is necessary in order for MERC to be able to utilize programs that are currently available and any future Metro/MERC MIS programs.

Staff has completed the MERC Computer RFP documents and submitted to legal counsel for review. Listed in the RFP documents are updated computer hardware/software specifications and delivery schedules for each MERC facility.

Specifications and schedules were reviewed by Metro MIS staff who concurred with the specification documents. Because of the time frame to begin the upgrade and provide training during the 1996-97 fiscal year, MERC staff need to begin the RFP process for PC's before the end of April 1996. Completion is anticipated to be by Oct. 1996.

Fiscal Impact: Total projected cost is \$381,926. This estimate reflects the original projected cost for the FY 95-96 budget and additions originally planned for 96-97 fiscal year. This amendment is \$23K higher than originally stated in Res.96-4 due to an additional pc for staff associated with the new Expo building, separate pc training costs and potential higher costs for hardware due to the timing of the purchase.

A RFP evaluation committee will be set up to review all of the proposals when received. The evaluation criteria will be:

50% Suitability to MERC, includes:

Network Configuration
Ability to expand to meet future usage.
Hardware reliability

40% Cost, includes:

Initial purchase price
Maintenance/Warranty terms & cost
Support Costs

10% Delivery:

Ability to meet
proposed schedule.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission approve Resolution No. 96-24 that directs staff to proceed with the release of the MERC Computer System Upgrade Request for Proposal.