



El Paso County Agenda Item Details

Item Title:	Purchasing - Approve and authorize the purchase of As-Needed Microsoft Azure Cloud Services for El Paso County, Texas
Submitted By:	Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent
Department:	Purchasing Department
Department Phone Number:	915-273-3349
Subject:	<p>Approve and authorize the purchase of As-Needed Microsoft Azure Cloud Services for El Paso County, Texas using Department of Information Resources Contract DIR-CPO-5240 awarded to Zones, LLC., of Austin, TX. Pricing and discounts as identified through the cooperative contract. Approval is for individual purchase(s) not exceeding \$50k. Any purchase(s) that exceed \$50k (\$100k after September 01, 2025) will be presented to Commissioners Court on an individual basis. Purchasing approved on June 5, 2025. Funding is available in various accounts.</p>
Background:	<p>The purchase includes Microsoft Azure cloud services, which are part of the County's existing Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA). These services cover Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and Software as a Service (SaaS) offerings, including virtual machines, storage solutions, database hosting, security management, compliance tools, and enterprise-level networking to support county operations.</p> <p>The County's IT environment is built on Microsoft technologies, making Azure the most practical and efficient cloud solution. Its compliance with CJIS, HIPAA, and FedRAMP ensures secure handling of sensitive data. The Enterprise Agreement offers cost stability through volume discounts, avoiding the added expenses of switching providers. Azure's native integration with existing systems simplifies operations and reduces administrative overhead. With ongoing updates and support for hybrid deployments, Azure supports the County's long-term IT strategy. Overall, it provides cost savings, enhanced efficiency, and regulatory compliance while minimizing risk and complexity.</p>

DIR-CPO-5240 Term: October 20, 2029

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Impact Historical

Fiscal Impact Projected

Funding available in:

Various accounts

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match:

Recommendation:

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Prior Action:

N/A

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

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Objective:

Strategic Plan Information:

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**