City of L.A. and California Department of Technology Partnership Promises a Brighter Digital Future for Los Angeles

$10.5M Contract to Modernize Technology Services

(SACRAMENTO) City of Los Angeles' IT infrastructure will begin to undergo a major advancement when it transitions from its L.A.-based mainframe to the California Department of Technology’s (CDT) State Data Center in Sacramento. State and City IT teams have been collaborating for the past years in preparation for the move, which includes key public safety workloads.

“For the past five years we have strived to modernize operations through public and private cloud options,” said Ted Ross, Information Technology Agency (ITA) general manager for the City of Los Angeles. “The move to migrate away from our 30-year old legacy system to the State’s secure, cloud-based environment will greatly improve our ability to serve and protect the people of Los Angeles.”

Factors that attracted the City of L.A. to the deal includes the State’s purchasing power for licensing and not having the expense of replacing aging equipment. This will save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition, it was hard to recruit people to fill the jobs of the City’s rapidly retiring experienced mainframe staff. CDT will provide experienced 24/7 staffing, hardware support, security, and disaster recovery services.

“We are pleased to launch this important partnership with the largest city in the state,” said Amy Tong, State Chief Information Officer and CDT Director. “CDT will help the City of L.A. provide more effective and efficient government services to citizens.”

“We’ve been working with the City of Los Angeles for a few years to realize this day,” said CDT’s State Deputy Chief Information Officer and CDT Chief Deputy Director Chris Cruz. “The partnership between CDT and ITA has been a phenomenal experience for all of us, and our staffs are ready for the transfer.”

The 3-year, $10.5 million contract between the two government entities includes an option for three additional years, if needed.
About the California Department of Technology
The California Department of Technology is committed to partnering with state, local government and educational entities to deliver digital services, develop innovative and responsive solutions for business needs, and provide quality assurance for state government Information Technology (IT) projects and services. The Department’s “Vision 2020” Strategic plan is to create one digital government delivered securely by a dynamic workforce.