

**Request for Action  
By  
Board of Commissioners**

**Approval of a Contract for Information Technology  
Equipment and Services**

**A. SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

This Request for Action (“RFA”) is for approval of a contract to purchase equipment, installation, and support services from Dell Marketing Limited Partnership to replace end of life server equipment in the Information Technology Division.

**B. DISCUSSION**

RIHousing is seeking approval to enter a contract with Dell Marketing Limited Partnership for the purchase and installation of four servers to replace the current on-premises Nutanix servers, which are at the end of life. The replacement servers will consist of four Azure Stack HCI servers, a Microsoft product.

In January of 2018, RIHousing purchased Nutanix servers with a life expectancy of four to five years. As RIHousing has significantly expanded its use and reliance of technology and data throughout every business area over the past five years, it is vitally important to business operations to maintain up to date technology equipment and software. The new Azure Stack HCI servers will provide increases in processing speed and memory and have a life expectancy of approximately eight years.

RIHousing is utilizing the State of Rhode Island’s Master Price Agreement–345, Computer Equipment, Peripherals and Related Supplies (“MPA-345”) for this purchase. RIHousing obtained three quotes from vendors authorized to provide servers under MPA-345 as shown in Attachment A. Dell Marketing Limited Partnership provided the best pricing for the purchase. Pricing includes equipment, data migration, server installation, a 5-year technical service and support contract for hardware and software, and configuration and team training. The contract will also include 4-hour critical emergency response services.

**C. RECOMMENDATION**

The attached resolution authorizing RIHousing to engage Dell Marketing Limited Partnership is recommended for approval.

**D. ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Pricing Proposals
- B. Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of RIHousing

ATTACHMENT A

**AZURE STACK QUOTES**

	<b>Setup Expense</b>	<b>Warranty Service Years</b>	<b>2023-28</b>
<b>Dell Marketing LP</b>	INCLUDED	5	\$ 302,518.99
<b>Lenovo Global Tech</b>	INCLUDED	5	\$ 333,068.04
<b>HP Enterprise</b>	INCLUDED	5	\$ 618,309.28

## Attachment B

### Resolution of the Board of Commissioners

of

### RIHousing and Mortgage Finance Corporation

- Whereas:** Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation's ("RIHousing's") enabling act provides it with all the power and authority to make and execute contracts necessary to exercise the powers and functions provided to it under the act (R.I. Gen. Laws §42-55-5(6)); and
- Whereas:** Staff of RIHousing has identified a need to replace and upgrade its current end-of-life Nutanix servers with four Azure Stack HCI servers, a Microsoft product; and
- Whereas:** RIHousing utilized the State of Rhode Island's Division of Purchases' Master Price Agreement 345 in accordance with the companion User Guide; and
- Whereas:** MPA-345 requires State agencies to obtain three bids from the approved vendors; and
- Whereas:** Dell Marketing Limited Partnership provided the best pricing.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:**

- Resolved:** that RIHousing be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into a contract with Dell Marketing Limited Partnership to provide equipment, services and support as set forth in the proposal submitted by Dell Marketing Limited Partnership; and
- Resolved:** that the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Chief Operating Officer, each acting singly, be and hereby are authorized and empowered to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing resolutions, including without limitation the authority to negotiate the terms and fees of the engagement as he or she may determine are in the best interests of RIHousing, and to execute any and all agreements or documents as he or she deems necessary to carry out the foregoing and to take such further actions as he or she deems necessary to carry out the foregoing resolutions.