



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT (TECHNOLOGY)**

**Department(s):** Bureau of Technology

**Vendor:** NTT America, Inc., New York, New York

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Web hosting and related professional services.

**Contract Value:** \$422,000.00

**Contract period:** 10/1/2013 through 12/31/2014, with two (2) one-year renewal options.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2013: \$250,000.00; FY 2014: \$167,000.00; FY 2015: \$5,000.00

**Accounts:** 009/441 (\$75,000.00); 490/441 (\$347,000.00)

**Contract Number(s):** 1341-13159

**Concurrence(s):**

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** The Bureau of Technology (BOT) is requesting approval to enter into a twenty-four (24) month, sole source agreement with NTT for the purpose of providing web hosting services. Cook County developed its current website in NTT's hosting environment after NTT won an RFP for provide hosting services. After the competitive award, the County developed its website on NTT's hosting servers, for which NTT held a proprietary license. Now, because the County's website relies upon this licensed technology (i.e., an NTT-owned operating system license), migrating to another website hosting service would require the County to rebuild its entire website in a manner that does not rely upon NTT's operating system license. Simply rebuilding the County's current website *as-is* from the ground up is an inefficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Instead, BOT will focus on a rebuild that also redesigns and modernizes the County's website, for which the County issued an RFP on 10/15/2013. Procuring a redesigned and modern replacement solution will allow the County to migrate to a different hosting provider. Also during the remainder of the two year term of the NTT agreement, and while BOT remains in NTT's hosting environment, BOT will virtualize its website servers, which will allow the County to utilize NTT's cloud hosting services and retire BOT's current, legacy hosting services that NTT is maintaining solely for Cook County. This virtualization will save an expected \$120,000.00 over the remainder of the two year agreement.