

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary Moeller, Director of Information Technology Services Department

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES TO: Travis M. Bishop, Assistant City Manager; File

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR PUBLIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

DATE: December 12, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This ordinance will authorize payment in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the City of San Antonio's annual membership dues to Public Technologies, Inc. (PTI). This membership is for the period of December 2002 through November 2003.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

POLICY ANALYSIS

PTI is the non-profit technology research and development organization of the National League of Cities (NLC), the National Association of Counties (NAC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). PTI serves as a clearinghouse for technology sharing among its members, particularly in the application of management techniques and computer-based systems to local government problems. PTI uses strong, dynamic public-private partnerships thus being able to offer local and state government cost saving technology services and products.

The research function at PTI advances the application of cutting-edge technology to help cities and counties improve services to their communities. This is accomplished through active collaboration of local government elected and professional practitioners. PIT facilitates the exchange of information between cities.

Each year PTI establishes priorities to conduct basic research essential for the development and introduction of technology applications in local governments. This year PTI has developed a work plan focusing on three themes: Homeland Security, Decision Support and Emerging Technologies. PTI has several task forces comprised of various city/county governmental units

which meet several times throughout the year focusing on the best practices, research, pilot demonstrations and shared information.

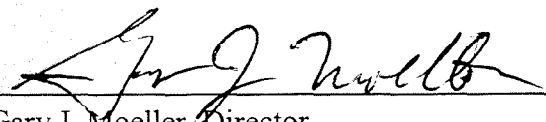
The Information Technology Services Department will serve as the primary contact with representatives from Public Works, Management and Budget, Finance, Police, City Attorney's Office and Economic Development participating on the PTI's Urban Consortium Energy Task Force, Urban Consortium Environmental Task Force, Urban Consortium Energy Task Force, Urban Consortium Transportation Task Force, and the Urban Consortium Telecommunications and Information Task Force. Each task force meets several times during the year with technology as the common platform with focus on researching and conducting pilot demonstrations of technology innovation that can benefit the nation's cities and counties.

FISCAL IMPACT

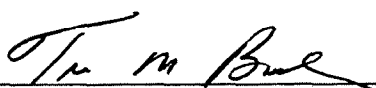
Funds have been budgeted in the General Fund for PTI membership dues in the amount of \$27,500 for fiscal year 2003.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated through the City Attorney's office and is consistent with City Council policy.




Gary J. Moeller, Director
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Travis M. Bishop, Assistant City Manager
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Approved:



Terry M. Brechtel
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