

**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

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**SUBJECT:** MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR PUBLIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC

**DATE:** November 13, 2003

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

This ordinance will authorize payment of the annual membership dues for the City of San Antonio to Public Technologies, Inc. (PTI). This membership is for the period December 2003 through November 2004.

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. PTI 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: Improving service delivery, Promoting economic activity and Fostering democracy.

PTI has several task forces comprised of various city/county governmental units who meet several times throughout the year and focus on the best practices, research, pilot demonstrations and shared information.

In April 2004, PTI will be holding the 2004 Congress of Public Technologists in San Antonio with the theme "Technology: Enabling Pathways to Sustainable Economic Development". This annual conference is held in cooperation with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties and the International City/County Management Association. Approximately 500 City Management, Technology and Information offices are expected to attend.

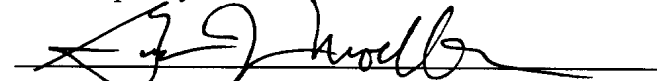
The Information Technology Services Department will serve as the primary contact with representatives from Public Works, Environmental Services, Management and Budget, Finance, Police, City Attorney's Office and Economic Development participating on the PTI's Urban Consortium Energy Task Force, Public Safety Task Force, Urban Consortium Environmental 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.

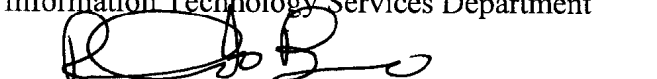
#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds have been budgeted in the General Fund for PTI membership dues in the amount of \$27,500 for fiscal year 2004.


#### **COORDINATION**

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

  
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