

**COVER SHEET – AGENDA ITEMS #R3**

For Commission Meeting: October 16, 2017

“CTC Technology & Energy Contract Extension”

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve an amendment to extend the consulting contract with CTC Technology & Energy through January 31, 2018.”

**Background**

The MHCRC approved a contract with CTC in June 2016, with an original expiration date of September 30, 2017. The total contract amount is \$40,000, and \$8,000 is remaining to complete the scope of work.

Staff sought the input of the I-Net stakeholders group in defining the scope of work for the consultant contract and in selecting a firm for the contract. Commissioner Hansen also provided input on the contract scope of work.

CTC has worked with MHCRC staff, the City of Portland Bureau of Technology Services to conduct a process with public institutional partners to assess needs, identify challenges and opportunities. CTC has also drafted a feasibility study to address public institutions’ future broadband capacity and network connectivity needs and a shorter report specific to the Commission’s work around educating and informing our local governments and communities about public agencies’ needs, implications, and opportunities related to the communications technology and broadband landscape.

The remaining work needed to be completed is finalizing the two reports and presenting those reports at a yet-to-be-determined meeting.

Attachment: Amendment to the CTC Technology & Energy contract for Public Institutional Partners Network Planning Project

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