

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL INFORMATION CONSORTIUM (NIC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$372,000 A YEAR FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD NOVEMBER 8, 2001 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2004 TO PROVIDE E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2001

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County began investigating E-Government in January of 2001 as a business tool to enhance customer service; and

WHEREAS, the E-Government initiatives will provide information and service delivery 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, an internal task force was developed to determine the best method for Washtenaw County to gain information on this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the task force educated themselves through site visits, professional organizations that are experienced with E-Government methodologies and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the task force developed a strategic plan to address the E-Government initiative, which outlines the implementation of a County-wide E-Government initiative; and

WHEREAS, by partnering with a third party vendor, Washtenaw County will continue to lead the State of Michigan in E-Government initiatives; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP #5922) was released for Internet-Based Government for Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County received three responses: National Information Consortium (NIC), Colbalt and Easygov; and

WHEREAS, NIC was selected based on costs and years of experience working with governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, NIC's primary goals are to create and provide a significant and aggressively promoted public service to the citizens and businesses of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, NIC will be responsible for developing and implementing e-commerce applications, hosting the applications on their secure servers and analyzing and reporting the success of the application; and

WHEREAS, NIC will increase accessibility to public information and other useful information and services through electronic means; and

WHEREAS, NIC will promote economic development by increasing ease of access to public information and other useful information, and by promoting the sharing of that information through electronic transactions; and

WHEREAS, NIC will promote interaction electronically between citizens and government for the convenience of the citizenry and the efficiency of the government; and

WHEREAS, in addition, NIC will work closely with Washtenaw County to further implement E-Government initiatives and activities; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, Information & Technology Services, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways & Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to sign the contract with National Information Consortium (NIC) in the amount of \$372,000 a year for a three-year period from November 8, 2001 through November 7, 2004 to provide e-government services, and a review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk