

ORDINANCE NO. 003-47

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC  
BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND  
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT  
TO PROVIDE INTERNET ACCESS  
INCLUDING E-MAIL CONNECTIONS ON A  
DEDICATED SERVER FOR A PERIOD OF  
TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS

WHEREAS, The Authority is connected to the Internet by an optical fiber link to RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Incorporated ("RCN"); and

WHEREAS, All Internet traffic to and from CTA travels over this link; and

WHEREAS, RCN Internet computer servers are located on the sixth floor of the Apparel Center, the building that also houses the CTA computer center; and

WHEREAS, The close proximity of CTA computer equipment and RCN Internet computer servers has made it possible for RCN to establish a fiber optic link between RCN computers and CTA computer equipment, at no initial purchase or installation cost or ongoing maintenance cost to CTA; and

WHEREAS, It would be advantageous to CTA to continue to utilize RCN as its Internet service provider given the close logistical location of the respective computer systems; and

WHEREAS, It would be detrimental for the Authority to change Internet service providers, due to down time and CTA cost associated with the establishment of a fiber optic link to a new service provider were the Authority to change Internet service providers; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

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SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, Incorporated, to provide Internet access, including E-mail connections on a dedicated server, for a period of twenty-four months, in the not-to-exceed amount of one hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$192,00,00) under requisition B02OP01125.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

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Assistant Secretary

April 2, 2003

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