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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS **FACT SHEET**

MAYOR URGES CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR MONEY-SAVING COMPETITIVE-BIDDING PROCESSES

Managed competition, IT sourcing strategy on next week's docket

Mayor Jerry Sanders urged the San Diego City Council to support moving forward on two measures that will potentially reduce city costs by millions of dollars through competitive bidding, freeing up resources that could be dedicated to preserving essential services such as police, fire and street maintenance.

“The City Council next week will vote on critical early steps to launching initiatives we anticipate will save the taxpayers millions of dollars each year once implemented,” Sanders said. “I believe our councilmembers agree we need to take every opportunity to stretch the dollars the taxpayers entrust to us, and I urge them to move these reforms forward.”

On Monday, the City Council will vote on the strategy to put the city's \$37 million information technology services out for competitive bidding for the first time in 30 years. Bidding out the contract, long held by the San Diego Data Processing Corp., is expected to reap \$10 million in taxpayer savings once the strategy is fully implemented.

Earlier this year, a small portion of the IT services was competitively bid, with the new contract reducing costs by \$1.2 million.

On Tuesday, the mayor will ask the council to approve the preliminary statement of work for the city's Publishing Services – the first function to be put into the managed competition process approved earlier this fall. The preliminary statement of work defines the current level of service, which will help determine what level of service the city will require from bidders, which will include city employees.

With 25 full-time employees, Publishing Services this year had a budget this year of \$5.84 million to provide a full range of reprographic services to city departments. Another function, Fleet Services, is scheduled to go to council committee next month in preparation for managed competition.

The two measures are part of the mayor's aggressive agenda to streamline city operations, increase accountability and reduce pension costs. In addition to completing the reforms in Prop D, the mayor also recently announced plans to restructure city government and consider cost-saving measures such as eliminating services and franchising enterprise fund operations such as city golf courses and airports.

He also declared his intention to put forth a ballot initiative that will eliminate traditional pensions for new city employees, instead putting them into a 401(K)-style plan like those in the private sector.

Since taking office in 2005, Mayor Sanders has taken aggressive action to reform city government. He instituted a top-down restructuring of every city department, eliminated more than 1,400 positions, implemented compensation reductions for city employees and created a less costly pension system. To date, Sanders' reform measures have produced a taxpayer savings of more than \$180 million a year.

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