

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: KRISTIE BARTLETT, NETWORK OPERATIONS MANAGER  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: PURCHASE ORDER FOR FIREWALL UPGRADE

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Information Technology and Finance Departments that the Council, by resolution, approve the issuance of a purchase order to Insight Public Sector, Inc., Herndon, VA, in an amount not to exceed \$142,897.75 to replace the City's firewall used to protect against cybersecurity threats.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Information Technology Department needs to replace the City's enterprise-wide firewall appliance. The current firewall hardware is 10 years old and at its end of supported life; it also is no longer able to receive software updates which are critical to ensure the City's network is protected from current viruses, malware and other potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

BACKGROUND

The Information Technology Department is responsible for the protection of the City's network. This includes the protection of desktops, servers, websites and email from viruses, malware, and phishing attacks.

Investing in newer technology has the benefit of higher-level protection from sophisticated zero-day virus threats and provides enhanced monitoring and detection. Instead of labor-intensive monitoring of threats, the newer technology uses automation to implement protections faster than attacks can spread, thus reducing the chances of discovering a threat long after an infection has compromised the network.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

On March 11, 2022, with authority delegated by the Purchasing Agent, the Information Technology Department requested quotes for the purchase of a new firewall hardware and maintenance. Only one quote was received from Insight, Inc.

The quote includes support for 5 years, allowing the City to save approximately \$10,000 per year plus a \$6,000 discount by purchasing before July 15, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this procurement is included in the FY 21/22 as part of the Information Technology Department's annual budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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