

Legislation Text

File #: 15-9206, Version: 1

Firewall Consolidation Services

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of Check Point internet security firewall equipment, software, and support from a federal contract as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(9a),**
- B. Approve unit price contracts with EC America, Inc., immixGroup, Inc., and Rove, LLC for the purchase of Check Point internet security firewall equipment, software, and support for a term of three years under General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule No. GS-35F-0511T, effective June 27, 2007, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for one-year terms as long as the federal contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the federal contract.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Federal Contract Exemption

G.S. 143-129(e)(9a) allows local governments to purchase from contracts established by the United States government, including any federal agency, if the contractor is willing to extend the same or more favorable prices, terms, and conditions as those established under the federal contract.

Explanation

- The City's current firewall infrastructure is planned to end its useful life between 2020 and 2021. New equipment will give us increased capacity and new functionality to mitigate attacks.
- The City will replace and consolidate six clusters of firewalls across two different data centers as part of a proactive defensive posture to ensure future security and capacity needs.
- New equipment will have the capacity to add additional security measures and increase resources to existing firewalls without purchasing additional hardware.
- The City has been using Check Point products since 2001 and has a high level of familiarity with the company's products.
- On June 27, 2007, the referenced contracts were awarded by GSA for a term of 10 years. The contracts have been extended through June 26, 2022.
- EC America, Inc., immixGroup, Inc., and Rove LLC are willing to provide firewall equipment, software, and support to the City at the same or better terms as are provided in its contract with GSA.
- Initial expenditures under the contracts are estimated to be \$1,300,000 in Fiscal Year 2019. Ongoing annual expenditures are estimated at \$400,000 which is offset by a reduction of \$150,000 in current operating expenditures.

Charlotte Business INclusion

This contract is a federally sourced contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: Innovation and Technology Operating Budget and Technology Refresh Fund