

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 12, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager
Thomas Kureczka, Chief Information Officer

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Approving a Contract with Data Network Solutions, Inc. for the Purchase of Network Storage Equipment

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: Ensure Service Delivery Efficiency and Effectiveness

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

The Information Systems Department manages a data storage network comprised of storage controllers and a large quantity of disk drives distributed between the City’s two data centers. These disk drives are grouped into modular disk shelves that contain and protect the data used by the City’s enterprise systems and departmental business applications.

Two of the disk shelves—one in each data center—are beyond their fifth year of service and are at end of life with no vendor support. In consideration of the continual advancement of data storage technologies and increased data storage capacity, replacement of the two aging disk shelves is needed. New disk shelves will provide faster performance, enhanced redundancy between the data centers, and improved compatibility with modern application and server requirements. Due to the modular architecture of the data storage systems, staff can follow a planned technology refresh cycle to replace aging disk shelves without interruption to critical City services.

Using specifications provided by Information Systems staff, the Purchasing Department advertised an Invitation for Bid for the replacement disk shelves. Data Network Solutions, Inc. was the only respondent, and submitted a bid in the amount of \$410,762.37.

Committee Action:

Committee _____	Action _____
For _____	Against _____

Remarks: _____

Approval is requested to purchase the equipment from Data Network Solutions, Inc. for \$410,762.37. Data Network Solutions, Inc. is headquartered in Chapin, SC. The approved Information Systems FY22-23 budget includes leasing funds allocated to cover the total cost of this purchase.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City, State, and HUB websites with 27 businesses notified directly of this opportunity. Notifications were also sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses.

Exhibit A includes a complete list of businesses that were notified of the bidding opportunity and Data Network Solutions, Inc. Workforce Demographics.