

Information Item

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

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Subject:
City-wide Facility Security Assessment Report

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



The City of Winston-Salem contracted with Business Protection Specialists (BPS) to complete a city-wide security risk assessment and strategic plan. The scope of professional services was to provide analysis of security threats and vulnerabilities in city-operated facilities. The City determined the need to utilize the services of a security consulting firm that specializes in conducting risk assessments of physical assets for the purpose of making recommendations and developing a comprehensive and strategic security plan. This plan will be used as a baseline standard for security upgrades and major renovation and new construction projects.

The work involved risk assessments of City facilities in order to determine current effectiveness at providing protection from and prevention of vandalism, crime, theft, potential terrorist activities and/or other threats as identified during the assessment phase of the services. The primary goal of the assessment was to identify gaps in the City's current security systems that may present a risk to staff and visitors and to make recommendations to close those gaps in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Due to the sensitive nature of the information within this report, an overview presentation is attached in the place of the report.