

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** February 14, 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 the need for 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 \$117,547.80.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	Finance 2/14/22	<b>Action</b>	Approval
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**

Approval is requested to purchase the equipment from Data Network Solutions, Inc. for \$117,547.80. Data Network Solutions, Inc. is headquartered in Chapin, SC. The approved Information Systems FY21-22 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 31 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. Workplace Demographics.