

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DATA NETWORK SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK STORAGE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, 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 data centers; and

WHEREAS, the 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; and

WHEREAS, two of the disk shelves are beyond their fifth year of service and are at end of life with no vendor support; and

WHEREAS, replacing the disk shelves will provide faster performance, enhanced redundancy, and improved compatibility with modern applications and server requirements; and

WHEREAS, using specifications provided by Information Systems staff, the Purchasing Department advertised an Invitation for Bid for network storage equipment; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and publicly opened by the City/County Purchasing Department at 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2023, and the following bids were received:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Data Network Solutions, Inc.	Chapin, S.C.	\$403,432.27
Tego Data Systems, Inc.	Raleigh, N.C.	\$474,326.14

WHEREAS, Data Network Solutions, Inc. is the lowest bidder for the network data storage equipment in the amount of \$403,432.27; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested to purchase the equipment from Data Network Solutions, Inc. at a price of \$403,432.27; and

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Department's approved FY23-24 budget includes leasing funds specifically allocated to cover the cost of this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Data Network Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of network storage equipment in the amount of \$403,432.27.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City.