



AGENDA MEMO

11/5/2013 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jim Criswell, MIS Director

SUBJECT: Award of Bid for Access Control System Replacement

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the City installed an Electronic Access Control system enabling employees to use proximity card badges to unlock a limited number of doors at the Peek Service Center. This was done in conjunction with the construction of the backup dispatch center and temporary police administration offices. In 2009, the same system was installed in the remodeled City Hall building. At City Hall, most doors are controlled by the system and especially those to sensitive areas of the building. Over the past year, staff has seen a number of components failing prematurely. The manufacturer has attempted to remedy these problems by replacing hardware components, but no longer provides support for the software platform controlling the system. An upgrade is available, but staff determined that the software and hardware components installed in the UP Public Library building are superior. Staff selected the Open Options DNA system based on their experience with the manufacturer and prevalence of local support resources. Once this selection was made, staff published RFP# 13-08 outlining the requirements of the new system. Two local vendors responded to this RFP with bids.

RECOMMENDATION:

Both vendors are capable of providing the services required for installation and on-going support of the system. As seen in the scoring document and pricing document attached, Schneider Electric provided more competitive pricing and offers TCPN pricing on new devices going forward. Staff recommends approval of this item and to award the bid for this work to Schneider Electric.