

Council Meeting of
September 19, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members
Of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Communications & Information Technology – Authorize purchase of new data network equipment from CDW Government, Inc. in the amount of \$46,930.22

RECOMMENDATION

The Information Technology Director recommends that Council authorize a purchase order with CDW Government, Inc. from Vernon Hills, IL for new data network devices to replace obsolete devices in the amount of \$46,930.22.

Funding

Funding is available in the Data Communications Replacement Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Communications and Information Technology (CIT) department continues to replace network equipment to keep pace with software application demands on the data network. Network equipment is systematically replaced when it has exceeded its expected service life or lacks bandwidth capacity, etc.

ANALYSIS

Network equipment in use at the City Hall 3rd Floor, Cultural Arts Center, WALTERIA Library, and El Retiro Library is obsolete and is no longer supported by their manufacturer. It has exceeded its estimated useful life, and lacks the bandwidth and performance capability to support new application demands.

The existing Internet firewall security devices must also be replaced. Replacing and upgrading the firewalls with a consolidated design will reduce annual operating costs, simplify the Internet connection, and improve network security.

The Torrance Municipal Code Section 22.3.19 creates a purchasing exception for computer and networking hardware and software purchases. The municipal code

states: "The provisions of this Article do not apply to contracts for the purchase of computer and networking hardware and software. The purchase of computer and networking hardware and software will be done pursuant to regulations and procedures established by the City Manager."

Staff obtained competitive quotes for the purchase. CDW Government, Inc. was selected because it offered the lowest price for all of the requested equipment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Information Technology Director

CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager