

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF IBM COMPUTER SERVER

BACKGROUND:

This contract is for the purchase of an IBM Power6 520 midrange server, tape drive, peripherals, and associated services. This server runs all of the financial, purchasing, utility billing, parking, and inspections applications. A total of \$75,767 is budgeted for this project.

The present server was installed in December 2003. This server is no longer upgradeable and is not capable of running the latest IBM software. After almost six years it has reached the end of its technological life.

Four bids were solicited and one bid was received on August 13, 2009.

Bidder	Total Bid Amount
Vertical VAR, LLC, Chamblee GA	\$61,484.00

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Vertical VAR, LLC for an IBM Power6 520 midrange server, tape drive, peripherals, and associated services at a total cost of \$61,484.00.
2. Reject this bid and re-bid at a later date.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the purchase of the IBM Power6 520 server, we will be increasing the server processing power and data storage four fold while positioning the City to be able to run the latest IBM software.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the award of a contract to Vertical VAR, LLC for an IBM Power6 520 midrange server, tape drive, peripherals, and associated services at a total cost of \$61,484.00.