

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WAIVE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND
AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SHARED PUBLIC SAFETY SOFTWARE
MAINTENANCE FROM SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR**

BACKGROUND:

On June 14, 2005, the City entered into a 28E Agreement with Iowa State University and the Story County Sheriff's Office supporting a joint computer network for public safety. This agreement included sharing of the network costs.

The total cost associated with the operation of the network was approved by the City Council as part of the FY 2013/2014 budget process and included \$142,663 for existing Sungard Public Sector software maintenance. The cost of this maintenance was \$139,178.68 in FY 2012/2013. As part of the 28E Agreement, the City is responsible for arranging and payment of software maintenance. This cost is later shared per terms of the agreement. There may be additional costs as applications are expanded.

Sungard Public Sector is the shared public safety software vendor for the Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch, Police Records, Jails Records, Phase II Mapping, NCIC/State Interface, and reporting applications. The City contracts with the vendor on an annual basis for maintenance services. Sungard Public Sector is the sole provider of maintenance for these software applications.

Included in this yearly maintenance is 24-hour programming support, software upgrades on all applications throughout the year, and eligibility to participate in the annual Sungard Users' Group meeting where software enhancements are requested and formalized for the next year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Waive formal bidding requirements and authorize City staff to enter into FY 2013/2014 software maintenance contracts with Sungard Public Sector at an estimated cost of \$142,663.
2. Do not authorize continuing software maintenance contracts with Sungard Public Sector.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Sungard Public Sector is the sole provider of the maintenance services for the shared public safety network software. The agreement for these applications includes software maintenance. Software maintenance is required to continue service delivery and to keep systems up-to-date.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby waiving formal bidding requirements and authorizing City staff to enter into FY 2013/2014 software maintenance contracts with Sungard Public Sector at an estimated cost of \$142,663.