

ITEM # 16
DATE: 7-10-18

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WAIVE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FROM SUPERION 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 2018/19 budget process and included \$159,994 for existing Superior Public Sector software maintenance. 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.

Iowa State University Public Safety	\$	43,125
Story County Sheriff		43,125
City of Ames Police		43,125
E911 Service Board		27,611
City of Ames Fire		3,008
TOTAL	\$	159,994

Superion Public Sector is the shared public safety software vendor for the Computer Aided Dispatch, Police Records, Investigations, Mobile, Jail, Internal Affairs, Phase II Wireless Call Mapping, NCIC/State Interface, and reporting applications. The City contracts with the vendor on an annual basis for maintenance services. Superion 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 take part in the annual Superior 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 2018/19 software maintenance contracts with Superior Public Sector at a cost of \$159,994.
2. Do not authorize continuing software maintenance contracts with Superior Public Sector.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Superior Public Sector is the sole provider of the maintenance services for the integrated public safety applications. The agreement for these applications includes software maintenance.

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 2018/19 software maintenance contracts with Superior Public Sector at a cost of \$159,994.