

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WAIVE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FROM SUPERION, LLC (MAPSG).

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. According to the 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.

The total cost associated with the operation of the network was approved by the City Council as part of the FY 2022/23 budget process and included \$201,515.44 for maintenance and support of ONESolution software, a software product of Superior, LLC, a CentralSquare Company (Central Square). **The City of Ames' share of these expenses is approximately \$76,000, or roughly 38%.**

Central Square is the shared public safety software vendor for the Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch, Police Records, Phase II Mapping, MCIC/State Interface, and reporting applications. The City contracts with the vendor on an annual basis for maintenance services. **Central Square, LLC 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 Central Square Users' Group annual 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 a FY 2022/23 software maintenance contract with Superior, LLC, a CentralSquare Company in the amount of \$201,515.44.
2. Do not authorize continuing a software maintenance contract with Superior LLC, a CentralSquare Company and attempt to find another vendor for this type of software or discontinue the intergovernmental partnership.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Central Square is the shared public safety software vendor for the Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch, Police Records, Phase II Mapping, MCIC/State Interface, and reporting applications. The agreement for these applications includes software maintenance. The City will be reimbursed by partnering MAPSG agencies for their portion of the \$201,515.44 in expenses.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.