

ITEM #: 8
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT (ELA) RENEWAL**

BACKGROUND:

The City has made a considerable investment in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies including the necessary software. The City uses ArcGIS as its primary GIS software platform and has numerous server, desktop, and web applications deployed throughout the organization. ArcGIS is developed and distributed by Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) of Redlands, CA.

In FY 2009/10, the City transitioned from a standalone licensing model to an Enterprise (unlimited) Licensing Agreement. In September 2021, the 3-year contract was renewed at the cost of \$66,500 annually. This contract expires September 2024 and thus requires reauthorization to continue licensing through 2027.

The Enterprise Agreement contract cost for FY 2024/25 through FY 2026/27 has increased \$3,300 per year to \$69,800 for each of the three contract years, bringing the 3-year total cost to \$209,400. The expenses are appropriated across the various City Departments in proportion to their use of the services. The agreement contains a non-appropriation clause, allowing cancellation in later years if funding is not approved.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Reauthorize the Enterprise Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute of Redlands, CA for a term of 3 years at a rate of \$68,800 per annum.
2. Do not approve the GIS software license agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI).

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approving the Enterprise Licensing Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute will continue to allow the City to leverage existing software expenditures and provides for an unlimited number of licenses for users. In addition, this approval will provide a cost-effective way to facilitate information management and to share this information across the organization and with the public. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[City of Ames, IA - 2024 Small Gov EA Renewal Quote.pdf](#)