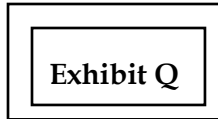


CITY of REPUBLIC

Established 1871



AGENDA ITEM STAFF ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: Discussion And Possible Vote to Approve Purchase of Replacement Computers for The City Of Republic.

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Date: July 10, 2006

Issue Statement

To approve the purchase of 31 new Dell computers that were approved in the 2006 budget to replace the City's oldest computers.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Over the previous years, many computers throughout the city have not been replaced when their life cycle is done. This has increased the overall cost of ownership of those PC's by adding to their downtime, inefficiency, and cost of replacement parts. The IT Director has implemented a computer replacement policy that will help to eliminate this problem. This would increase productivity due to the speed and reliability of the new computers and reduce unproductive down time do to lockups and hardware failures. Though standardization of our computing platform throughout the City, costs can be kept to a minimum in terms of both hardware and manpower necessary to service said hardware.

After receiving prices from Dell, Compaq, IBM and Gateway, Dell had the best price for the hardware specifications that the city needs for both computers and monitors. Dell also is part of the WSCA (Western States Contracting Alliance) government contract to which we belong. The primary purpose of WSCA is to establish the means by which participating states may join together in cooperative multi-State contracting in order to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services. **This purchase was included and approved in the 2006 budget and does not include any machines slated to be purchased from the LEST purchase list.**

| | Desktop (28 units) | Point of Sale (2 units) | Laptop (1 unit) | Total Price |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| DELL | \$1,093.27 | \$722.69 | \$1,105.36 | \$33,162.30 |
| GATEWAY | \$1,323.00 | \$904.00 | \$1,679.00 | \$40,531.00 |
| HP | \$1,294.02 | \$1,181.02 | \$1,449.00 | \$40,043.60 |
| IBM/Lenovo | \$1,394.32 | \$1,052.15 | \$0.00* | \$41,145.26 |

** IBM did not have a similar configuration available so was excluded for the single laptop.*

Recommended Action

I.T. Director recommends approving the purchase of the new computers from Dell for the amount of \$33162.30.