



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 09, 2009

Council Session

Item G5

**#2009-128 - Approving Small Government Enterprise License
Agreement from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)**

Staff Contact: David Springer

Council Agenda Memo

From: Dave Springer, Finance Director

Meeting: June 9, 2009

Subject: Approving Small Government Enterprise License Agreement from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)

Item #'s: G-5

Presenter(s): Dave Springer, Finance Director

Background

The City of Grand Island has invested in a comprehensive computerized Geographic Information System (GIS). This system consists of data that reaches to virtually all city departments. The software required to edit, manipulate and present this data is provided by Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). This License Agreement will provide the city with the ability to install unlimited ESRI applications for the three year contract period.

Discussion

The City currently has several single use licenses for GIS software from ESRI. These licenses are dispersed among several different departments. Some departments have been paying maintenance fees for the software and as a result have been kept updated with new releases. Some departments have not. The consequence of mismatched versions is data incompatibility.

The licenses are further complicated by different levels of the core application. As the need for more functionality increases, some departments are finding the need to upgrade to the more advanced levels. This will require other users to also upgrade at additional costs or suffer added data incompatibility.

The new agreement for the City of Grand Island from ESRI, Inc., a General Services Administration (GSA) Contract reseller with special pricing available to government agencies, would allow unlimited software installs and upgrades until June, 2012 and can be paid in three annual installments of \$35,000 each for a total of \$105,000. This

purchase is budgeted for at \$25,000 in the Information Technology Department and \$10,000 in the Electric Utilities Fund.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the three year renewal of ESRI licenses.
2. Disapprove or deny the agreement.
3. Modify the Resolution to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the new three year ESRI license agreement.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Small Government Enterprise License Agreement with ESRI, for \$105,000, payable in three annual installments.

RESOLUTION 2009-128

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Division of the Finance Department continually works on maintaining the city's computer network, both hardware and software, etc, and

WHEREAS, due to the growing number of Geographic Information System (GIS) users, the variety of GIS software programs utilized and the constant need for software upgrades, it is imperative to consistently maintain the entire city software licenses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island can utilize the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Small Government Enterprise License Agreement to install an unlimited amount of licenses with the City until June, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the cost for such an agreement is \$105,000, which can be paid in three annual installments of \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, this is the most cost effective approach to upgrading GIS software.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Information Technology Department is hereby authorized to utilize the ESRI Small Government Enterprise License Agreement by entering into a three-year agreement to license any City computer for ESRI software at a cost of \$105,000, which can be paid in three annual installments.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 9, 2009.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form June 8, 2006	_____ City Attorney
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