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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 97-30

FROM: Dean Baugh, Senior Accountant

DATE: May 5, 1997

SUBJECT: Professional Services for Computer Network Installation.

Pursuant to WMC 6.24.050(A)(1)(a)(7), we are requesting that Council authorize an exception to the competitive bidding requirements for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on the Computer Network for the following reasons.

1. The City has many different computer systems and software. The computer network must be compatible with this existing equipment. Through negotiation with the vendors we will be able to eliminate many of these compatibility problem.
2. If we are unable to negotiate with the vendors, we will end up with higher bids as they will have to bid for many different possible approaches to be compatible with our existing equipment.
3. We are asking for a Certified Network Engineer to design our network. This limits the number of qualified vendors to design, install and setup the network.
4. To go out with a competitive bid we would need a bid ready design package. Phase I of this project is the design of the network. Phase II installation and setup cost would be negotiated with the vendor once Phase I is complete. Phase II is contingent on council approval. This multi-phase approach can be simplified by direct negotiation.
5. All proposals received will be reviewed by the Computer Committee, and the most qualified company will be issued the contract.

In my opinion it would not be in the public interest to competitively bid this project as the competitive bid process will mean a substantially higher cost to accomplish the network objective.

Recommend that Council approve an exception to the competitive bidding requirements for the computer network project.

APPROVED

DATE: 5/12/97

BY: R. H. Harris