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	Agenda Item No.	37A
	Roll Call No.	[_____]
	Communication No.	<u>13-222</u>
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve the purchase of a Liebert cooling unit from Data Power Technology for the Information Technology Department server room.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the single-source, non-competitive purchase of a Liebert cooling unit for the Information Technology Department server room under Municipal Code section 2-726 (a)(7). The unit is the same as two (2) that were installed in 2010 to update the server room’s cooling system and will make the overall system more cooling and energy efficient. The sole source of this unit is Data Power Technology, 10202 Douglas Avenue, Urbandale, IA, David Cooper, President.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$39,616.00

Funding Source: 2013-14 CIP, HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Improvements, BLD074, Page – Municipal Building Improvements – 7

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On October 12, 2009, per Roll Call No. 09-1863, City Council approved the purchase of two (2) Liebert cooling units from Data Power Technology in replacement of two (2) of the four (4) Liebert units that were originally installed in the IT server room in 1987. The new equipment is much more energy efficient than the remaining older units, which were kept in order to adequately meet the ever-increasing cooling needs of IT’s expanding inventory of computer equipment. A total of three (3) of the newer Liebert units will more than accommodate the current and anticipated cooling load required for the server room due to their high efficiency and cooling output. The three (3) units will operate with greater synergy than was possible with two (2) old and two (2) new units because the old units did not have the technology necessary for monitoring by the City’s computerized, remote building controls system.

Municipal Code section 2-726 (a)(7) provides for a non-competitive procurement of goods and/or services that are of such a nature that they are the only goods and/or services which will fit and comply with the required use, or are an integral part of a total system so as to be uniquely compatible with existing City needs, materials, or equipment to be cost effective. The units purchased in 2009 are the same brand recommended for purchase today. These units communicate with one another and our

building control system more effectively if they include the same technology. It will also be more cost effective for staff to maintain repairs on these cooling units if the brand is the same. Data Power Technology is the sole distributor of the Liebert brand in the region. For these reasons, staff recommends the use of the use of a single-source, non-competitive procurement of the cooling unit.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 12, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1863](#)

Action: [Data](#) Power Technology (David Cooper, President), sole area wide distributor, for Liebert cooling equipment for use in the IT Department Server Room, \$68,000. ([Council Communication No. 09-715](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Hensley.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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