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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 35F <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>15-0053</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>15-008</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., Interim City Engineer

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving purchase of parking and revenue control system equipment and parts for the existing Parking and Revenue Control System (PARCS) in the City parking garages from IQa Engineering, William Klose, Owner/President, 2830 107th Lane NE, Suite 100, Blaine, Minnesota 55449, at a cost of \$77,080.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the non-competitive purchase of equipment and parts for the existing PARCS. 3M, the manufacturer of the PARCS used by the City of Des Moines, has notified all of their distributors that they will be closing their Parking Division in 2015. This necessitates the City of Des Moines purchasing parts to maintain the current PARCS. The pricing offered by IQa Engineering, the regional licensee for 3M Parking Equipment is guaranteed until January 15, 2015, but will increase after that date based upon supply and demand.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$77,080.00

Funding Source: 2014-15 CIP, Page Parking-6, Parking System Infrastructure Rehab & Repair, PG016

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On October 21, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1657, the City Council authorized the noncompetitive purchase of software and firmware upgrades for the existing PARCS from IQa Engineering, as a sole source provider for the PARCS used throughout the City of Des Moines Municipal Parking System. The PARCS software upgrade project was completed in 2014 for \$245,000. The hardware was upgraded in 2007 for \$525,000 as part of an earlier project. The PARCS hardware and software is proprietary; therefore, purchase of PARCS parts are needed to maintain the City's investment in the current revenue control system. Purchasing available parts at this time will allow maintenance and defer the need to replace the entire system.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 21, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1657](#)

Action: [IQa](#) Engineering, sole area-wide distributor, for parking management control equipment to upgrade the existing PARCS (Parking and Revenue Control System) in City Parking Garages to be used by the Engineering Department, \$245,396. ([Council Communication No. 13-516](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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