



**PURCHASING ITEM  
FOR  
COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. Agenda Item Number:

**23**

2. Council Meeting Date:

March 12, 2009

TO: **MAYOR & COUNCIL**

3. Date Prepared: February 9, 2009

THROUGH: **CITY MANAGER**

4. Requesting Department: City Manager

5. **SUBJECT:** Approve the utilization of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract #A63307 for the purchase of network storage equipment from Dell in an amount not to exceed \$206,000.

6. **RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of the utilization of the WSCA contract #A63307 for the purchase of network storage equipment from Dell in an amount not to exceed \$206,000.

7. **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** In 2004 the City purchased a Network Attached Storage (NAS) system, which is reaching end-of-life. EMC has advised us that this equipment has no trade-in value and this is the last year of support by EMC. Recently, this system experienced an outage, which affected performance and services to citywide departments. The NAS stores Oracle archive logs, CommVault backup files and UNIX data files. The new NAS will also store the citywide Windows file system, which will replace the aging Novell file structure scheduled for retirement fall 2009.

The goal is to ensure the EMC NAS solution meets our city requirements for redundancy, space and flexibility to grow. Our plan is to purchase a redundant system with 48TB total usable space. Storage can be added to this system as required by city needs up to approximately 144TB of usable space.

8. **EVALUATION PROCESS:** The purchase of network storage equipment has been competitively bid by the State of Minnesota through the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA). Dell Incorporated is awarded a contract to provide this equipment. The use of this contract eliminates the cost of issuing a bid, reduces the lead-time in obtaining the products and provides for very competitive pricing.

9. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Funds for this project are available in this account:  
713.1290.0000.6315.00000 Computer Lease Fund – Computer Hardware \$206,000

10. **PROPOSED MOTION:** Move to approve the utilization of the WSCA contract #A63307 for the purchase of network storage equipment from Dell in an amount not to exceed \$206,000.

**APPROVALS**

11. Requesting Department

*Mitchell Robinson*  
for Patrick Hait  
Patrick Hait, IT Infrastructure Manager

12. Department Head

*Steven Philbrick*  
Steven Philbrick, Chief Information Officer

13. Procurement Officer

*Carolee Stees*  
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14. City Manager

*Pat Pentz*  
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