



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 12, 2008
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Information Systems, Administrative Services Department
SUBJECT: Consolidation Of Licenses For Citywide Geographic Information System (GIS) Software Upgrade

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process, as authorized by Municipal Code 4.52.080 (k), and authorize the City's General Services Manager to execute a sole source purchase order with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI, Inc.), in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to upgrade the City's Desktop GIS software to the most current version.

DISCUSSION:

As part of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget, City Council approved the implementation of a Centralized GIS project. This Centralized GIS will enhance the City's ability to manage infrastructure, provide efficiencies in maintenance and use, create standards, enhance collaboration between City department staff, plan for growth, and deliver better information and services to City staff and the Public.

One of the goals of the City's Centralized GIS Project is to standardize and upgrade the City's Desktop GIS software. This new software is required to build, maintain, and administer the new Centralized GIS Database. The City has used ESRI's GIS software since 1999 and it is both the City's standard and the industry standard GIS software. ESRI software was recommended in the 2007 Citywide GIS Implementation Plan Final Report.

In the past, each department purchased separate "seat" licenses for GIS software and funded separate maintenance and support. This upgrade will upgrade to the newest version of the software and will convert licenses into concurrent licenses which allow multiple staff to share a pool of licenses reducing future license acquisition costs and ongoing support costs.

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney _____ Name of Additional Department(s) That Need to Review CAR

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The next major task in this Centralized GIS Project is to award a contract for technical services to assist with the design and implementation of the Centralized GIS Database. This will occur by March 2008.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

This software upgrade is part of the Centralized GIS Project which was funded in the City's Capital Improvement Program in Fiscal Year 2008.

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