Interoffice Memorandum



May 1, 2023

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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase Order M111048, Customer to Meter Customer

Information System (CIS) Upgrade and One-Year New

License/Migration Support

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Purchase Order M111048, Customer to Meter Customer Information System (CIS) Upgrade and One-Year New License/Migration Support, with Oracle America, Inc., in the amount of \$565,012.13.

PROCUREMENT:

This purchase order (PO) will support an upgrade of Oracle databases that support mission critical applications utilized by the Utilities Department to bill all customers and keep track of their transactions and communications. The PO also provides one-year of new license support to facilitate the license upgrade/migration. The system is heavily customized to support the Development Section's requirements as well as being integrated and interfaced with multiple other systems such as Maximo, GIS, and Itron.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in the account number 4420-038-1409-0013-3192.

APPROVALS:

The Utilities Department concurs with this recommendation.

DISCUSSION:

Oracle America, Inc. is the proprietor of the Customer to Meter licenses, as well as providing Software Update License support. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed multiple projects that continue to be sequenced dependent on resources. Utilities' CIS application will soon be out of extended support. Therefore, Utilities would like to launch the project as soon as possible. If upgrade licensing is not acquired by May 31, 2023, the Utilities Department will incur a \$53,782 reinstatement fee. If not

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approved, when the system fails, the system will not be supported by Oracle and emergency support from a third-party vendor will need to be acquired at substantial costs. If this were to happen, the Utilities Department would not be able to process and bill customers.

Pricing is considered fair and reasonable and represents the best pricing identified. The licenses and year one support are being discounted directly from Oracle America, Inc. through May 31, 2023. On June 1, 2023, the cost of this purchase order would increase by \$286,844.81.

Oracle America, Inc. is the only company authorized to support and maintain their products. Resellers under the General Services Administration contracts can sell maintenance and support but will charge 2-3% markup per line item. This was demonstrated in prior procurements. Therefore, staff concluded that contracting directly with Oracle America, Inc. for this proprietary upgrade/migration, and one-year license support is in the County's best interest. This approach offers the County the lowest service cost and allows for direct contract administration activities with Oracle America, Inc. without having to go through a third party.