



Legislation Text

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager/Interim Chief Information Officer with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with ASCEND TECHNOLOGIES for a Cyber Security Assessment and Plan, in an Amount not to Exceed \$25,000.00.

**BACKGROUND:** The responsible management of Information Systems needs to include an expert and robust cybersecurity management protocol. From time to time, organizations such as our IS team engage cybersecurity experts to review our systems and collaborate on planning for continuous improvement. The City issued a modified request for proposal (RFP) to contract with a consultant to provide a comprehensive Information Technology cyber security review and planning.

The City allowed qualified firms that could demonstrate experience and expertise in cyber security for the municipal/public sector to submit proposals.

The consultant will systematically review the current state of the City’s information technology, develop recommendation plan, and prioritized a road map of activities to enhance the City’s future cybersecurity management.

The Purchasing Division contacted six (6) qualified vendors and received three (3) responses. The responses were scored as outlined in the RFP and the results are as follows:

Vendor	MAX SCORE	NW	<i>Ascend Technologies</i>	CLA
Rater 1	140	50	<b>130</b>	130
Rater 2	140	112	<b>124</b>	109
Rater 3	140	105	<b>125</b>	110
Total	420	<b>267</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>349</b>

Ascend Technologies was chosen as the consensus vendor.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Funding for this project in the amount of \$25,000.00 is provided in our Capital Project Fund 4011001-505304 E2002.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:** N/A

**IMPACT IF APPROVED:** The City of Peoria will have a Cyber Security assessment of current systems and an expert plan in place to continuously improve.

**IMPACT IF DENIED:** The City will continue with current security measures.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Hire a full-time cybersecurity expert.

**EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER:** Ascend: 03672-211231.

**WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2017 - 2032 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?**

1. Safe Peoria

**WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?**

1. Have an efficient government.

**DEPARTMENT:** Information Systems