MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

AM No. 135-2008

Meeting Date: February 26, 2008

From: Mayor

Subject: Proprietary Purchase of Computer Software Maintenance from SirsiDynix Corporation for the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Economic and Community Development, Loussac Library ($61,541.30)

This proposed purchase will continue the annual software maintenance agreement in support of the Anchorage Public Libraries (APL) online Integrated Library System. This system is the base for all of the library's automated resources and transactions which includes online catalog, online reference resources, patron database, circulation check-out system, and materials acquisitions information.

SirsiDynix Corporation is the owner of the software and the proprietary provider of the software maintenance services for the Integrated Library System.

This acquisition has been approved by the Information Technology Technical Review Committee.

Based upon the above information and attached Departmental Memorandum, it is recommended that the Assembly approve the proprietary purchase of the maintenance agreement with SirsiDynix Corporation for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, in an amount not to exceed $61,541.30.

Recommended by: Barton R. Mauldin, Purchasing Officer

Fund Certification: Sharon Weddleton, CFO

101-5382-3612-538200-BY2008 - $61,541.30 (2008 Operating)

Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager

Respectfully submitted, Mark Begich, Mayor
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2008
TO: Bart Mauldin, Purchasing Officer
THROUGH: Mary Jane Michael, Executive Director OECD
THROUGH: Terry Daniels, Application Supervisor IT
THROUGH: Karen Keller, Municipal Librarian
FROM: Dean Brovold, Systems Librarian
SUBJECT: Sole source purchase of Annual Software Maintenance by SirsiDynix Corporation - Req. #17891

The library wishes to renew the annual software maintenance with SirsiDynix. SirsiDynix Corporation is the vendor who supplies APL and its consortia libraries with the Integrated Online Library System currently known as Unicorn. This system is the Library’s backbone for all automated resources and transactions. This includes the online catalog, online reference resources, patron databases, circulation check-out system, and materials acquisitions information. It serves the entire Anchorage Public Library (APL) system and its consortia libraries (including those in UA system and APU).

Maintenance of the Unicorn system software is necessary for us to keep the system up and running. Without the maintenance contract with SirsiDynix – the only vendor who can supply this maintenance on their proprietary system – trouble shooting and fixing of system software problems, as well as maintaining the latest software upgrades and accompanying service abilities will not be possible. As the system is proprietary, only SirsiDynix can provide this maintenance support.

A requisition has been submitted to Purchasing for this service (dollar amount $61,541.30; vendor: SirsiDynix Corporation). SirsiDynix is the only vendor who can provide this maintenance to its proprietary database. Thus, a “sole source” purchase order for the service to SirsiDynix is requested to be issued.

Fund Certification:
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