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DATE: 09/04/2024

SUBJECT: **NOMIC NETWORKS, INC. - OUTPOST EQUIPMENT WITH NETWORK CLOAKING AND COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK SECURITY, MONITORING, SUPPORT, AND TESTING SERVICES - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Nomic Networks, Inc. as the sole source for the purchase of Outpost Equipment with Network Cloaking and Collective Intelligence Network Security, monitoring, support, and testing services, for Information Technology.

BACKGROUND

On October 26, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #136702, approved Econet.com, Inc. d/b/a Sentinel IPS as the sole source for the purchase of Sentinel IPS equipment with Network Cloaking and Collective Intelligence Network Security and for monitoring, support, and testing services.

On October 18, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139479, approved the renewal of the sole source designation.

On October 3, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141893, acknowledged notification of vendor name change of Sentinel IPS to Nomic Networks, Inc. and approved the renewal of the sole source designation.

Nomic Networks, Inc. provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate that their sole source status has not changed, and they continue to be the sole source for Outpost Equipment with Network Cloaking and Collective Intelligence Network Security and for monitoring, support, and testing services.

The software and associated services provide intrusion detection and prevention for the Plaza and colocation facilities and provide edge protection at both data centers as well as external and internal audits of the County's network security posture.

Under the County Purchasing Act, exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. The statutes require that the Purchasing Agent advise the Commissioners Court of the existence of only one (1) source, with such notice to be entered into the minutes of the Court.

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Accordingly, the above item has been determined to be sole source under the County Purchasing Act 262.024(a) (7) as follows:

- “(7) an item can be obtained from only one source, including:
 - (A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;”

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$100,308.95. The department has included funding in the FY 2025 budget request.