

18. Nomic Networks, Inc. - Outpost Equipment with Network Cloaking and Collective Intelligence Network Security, Monitoring, Support, and Testing Services - Information Technology



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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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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| SUBMITTED BY: | Purchasing | PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY: | Brad Richards, NIGP-CPP Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP |
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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.



TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Complete this form for any county action that involves the adoption of a regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Project/Regulation Name: Nomic Networks, Inc. - Outpost Equipment with Network Cloaking and Collective Intelligence Network Security, Monitoring, Support, and Testing Services - Information Technology

County Department: PURCHASING

Contact Person: Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P.

Phone Number for Contact Person: (817) 884-3245

Type of TIA Performed: SHORT TIA or FULL TIA. Circle one after answering the questions in Sections II and III below.

I. Stated Purpose

Attach to this checklist an explanation of the purpose of the regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Note: The remainder of this Takings Impact Assessment Checklist should be completed in consultation with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

II. Potential Effect on Private Real Property

1. Does the county action require a physical invasion, occupation, or dedication of real property?

Yes _____ No √

2. Does the county action limit or restrict a real property right, even partially, or temporarily?

Yes _____ No √

If you answered yes to either question, go to Section III. If you answered no to both, STOP HERE and circle SHORT TIA at the top of the form.



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07 / 31 / 2024

Re. Sole Source for Nomic Networks Outpost, IIU, Insight, and HQ

Dear Bradley Richards,

This is to confirm Nomic Networks, Inc. (Nomic) is the sole source provider for Outpost equipment with Network Cloaking™ and Collective Intelligence Network Security™. Nomic is also the sole source for monitoring and support services which are used in conjunction with the Outpost, IIU, Insight, HQ, and security services.

Nomic is the manufacturer of the Outpost and other devices, which utilize proprietary technology for which we are the sole source as well. Competition in providing Nomic products, services, and/or testing is precluded by the existence of one or more of the following; patent, trade secret, copyright, secret process, proprietary technology, or monopoly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Gruenloh".

Ted Gruenloh
Chief Executive Officer

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