



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Date Requested: <u>June 10, 2024</u>
Requested By: <u>Darren Withers, IT Manager</u>
Department: <u>Information Technology</u>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Report <input type="radio"/> Resolution <input type="radio"/> Ordinance

Appropriation	
Source of Funds:	_____
Account Number:	<u>001-6066-519-2093</u>
Amount Budgeted:	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
Amount Requested:	<u>\$35,520.00</u>
Budgeted Item:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Exhibits: Intech Southwest Quote 432425

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The City procured a substantial quantity of desktop computers between 2015 and 2017. These machines have reached the end of their operational life, having passed both the End of Life (EOL) and End of Support (EOS) lifecycles. As a result, they are currently 6 to 8 years old and are encountering repeated component failures.

The IT Division launched the PC Refresh Program at the beginning of the fiscal year 2023-2024, with a total budget of \$200,000.00. Phase 1 has been completed. IT is ready to begin the final phase of this fiscal year's project by purchasing the remaining 22 computers and 5 laptops, utilizing the remaining FY24 budget.

This program encompasses a planned PC upgrade cycle taking place every five years. These computers are equipped with the latest versions of CPUs, RAM, and other technologies, resulting in significantly improved performance for operating systems and applications when compared to technology that is six to eight years old. Furthermore, all upcoming computer hardware acquisitions will come with a bundled five-year hardware support package.

IT is seeking authorization to allocate \$35,520.00, with a total authorization of \$197,560.00 in the FY24 budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN STRATEGY AND GOAL

Infrastructure and Facilities. The City of La Porte will have and maintain a strong infrastructure and up to date facilities in order to continue to provide superior services for our citizens. IT will provide technical assistance and services to all city departments as part of this goal.

ACTION REQUIRED BY CITY COUNCIL

Approve the purchase of computer hardware and associated equipment in the amount of \$35,520.00, with a total expenditure of \$197,560.00 for FY24 from Intech Southwest Services, through DIR Cooperative contract #DIR-TSO-4159.

Approved for the City Council meeting agenda

Corby D. Alexander, City Manager

Date