


**CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST**

<b>Department(s):</b> Finance	<b>CEQA:</b> Not a Project, File No. PP17-002, Consultant services for design, study, inspection, or other professional services with no commitment to future action.	<b>Coordination:</b> City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Budget Office, and Information Technology Department	<b>Dept. Approval:</b> /s/ Rick Bruneau
<b>Council District(s):</b> Citywide			<b>CMO Approval:</b>  3/12/24

**SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH SIX DEGREES, INC. FOR CHECK POINT EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, AND RELATED SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to:

- a) Negotiate and execute a purchase order with Six Degrees, Inc. (dba Six Degrees Consulting, Evanston, Illinois) for Check Point equipment, software, support, maintenance, and related services for a maximum compensation of \$457,101 for the initial term, beginning on or about March 25, 2024 and ending March 25, 2025, or as otherwise adjusted to align with the software subscription renewal term;
- b) Negotiate and execute amendments as required for any unanticipated changes to the purchase orders with Six Degrees, Inc. (dba Six Degrees Consulting) not to exceed a total amount of \$594,231, subject to the appropriation of funds; and
- c) Exercise up to six additional one-year options to extend the term through March 25, 2031, or as may be adjusted to align with the software subscription renewal term, subject to the appropriation of funds.

**Desired Outcome:** Authorizing the City Manager or her designee to take these actions provides the City with access to equipment, software, support, maintenance, and related services as required to maintain the City's Check Point firewall services.

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Check Point is a security system that combines hardware and software products and technology that allows the City's Information Technology Department to: (1) manage network traffic, (2) prevent unauthorized users from gaining access to City systems and data, (3) detect malware, (4) detect and prevent intrusions, (5) block traffic from other countries, (6) allow access to networks via Virtual Private Networks, (7) log system and network interaction for forensic analysis, and (8) provide Business Email Compromise protection for all email users. Check Point is an approved brand name in accordance with [San José Municipal Code Section 4.12.240](#). The City conducted a previous bid in January 2019 for Check Point technical services to provide ongoing maintenance and support that is now out of options.

In February 2024, the Finance Department issued a Request for Bid for Check Point equipment, software, support, maintenance, and related services through the City's e-procurement system, Biddingo. Over 5,780 vendors were notified of the bid opportunity by Biddingo and 13 vendors viewed the Request for Bid. One vendor submitted a response prior to the submittal deadline. No protests were received. Staff recommends award to Six Degrees, Inc. (dba Six Degrees Consulting) as the sole responsive and responsible bidder pursuant to the formal bidding procedures of the [San José Municipal Code Section 4.12.310B](#).

Commission Recommendation/Input: There is no commission recommendation or input associated with this action.

**COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:**

Fund #	Appn. #	Appn. Name	Total Appn.	Amt. for Recommendation	2023-2024 Adopted Operating & Capital Budget Pg.	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No)
001	0432	Non-Personal / Equipment	\$14,492,141	\$401,215	667	10/17/2023, 30966
429	434B	Traffic Signal Cyber Security Firewall	\$350,000	\$55,886	1045	06/20/2023, 30933

**FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:** For procurement- and contract-related questions, please contact Albie Udom, Deputy Director of Finance – Purchasing & Risk Management, at [albie.udom@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:albie.udom@sanjoseca.gov). For program-related questions, please contact Marcelo Peredo, Chief Information Security Officer, at [marcelo.peredo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:marcelo.peredo@sanjoseca.gov).