SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DESIGN OF AN INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEM

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Transit

COMMENT: On November 6, 2012, Council authorized staff to issue a request for proposals for the purchase and installation of security equipment. Since that time, staff has been unable to determine the appropriate architectural design of the project.

Because of this issue, staff is requesting authorization to distribute a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the architectural/engineering design of an integrated security system (ISS).

ISS is a fairly recent concept in the world of security. In the past, security systems were discreet and operated independently of each other over dedicated media. Individual devices, cameras, alarm sensors and door access, required their own cable and signaling protocol. Monitoring each individual device requires multiple third party companies, screens, or individuals.

Ideally, an integrated security system seamlessly integrates electronic security devices and systems over one network. The purpose is to mesh and manage all of these so that, if desired, all systems can be monitored and controlled at a single workstation.

It is staff's desire to design an ISS that is both flexible and scalable to accommodate existing and future investments in cabling and equipment.

The services to be rendered under this contract would consist of, but not be limited to, the preparation of complete design and specification of an integrated security system consisting of the following: security cameras, intrusion detection and door access. In addition to the preparation of the design, it is anticipated that the consultant would also perform field and building surveys, network and computer assessments, preparation of an engineer's estimate, and contract documents.
The integrated security plan is funded in full by FTA 5303 Planning funds with no local match required. The construction portion of the security system is funded in full by CalEMA Prop 1B funds with no local match.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize staff to distribute a Request for Qualifications for the design of an integrated security system.