

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 9, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Contract for electronic security services between the City of Reno and Powercomm Solutions to include all costs associated with the repair, replacement, and additional infrastructure of the City of Reno closed circuit television cameras located throughout Reno in an amount not to exceed \$240,000. (General Fund)

From: Chris Harper, Security Manager

Department: City Manager's Office

Summary:

Powercomm Solutions, Inc., the original integrator of the City's CCTV system, installed the system in 2016. Currently, approximately one-third of the components are no longer meeting industry standards, significantly impairing the system's effectiveness in monitoring and security functions. In addition, there is a critical need to expand the CCTV infrastructure in the downtown business improvement district (BID). To restore operational capability, expand the current infrastructure in priority areas, and ensure compliance with current industry standards, immediate repairs, replacements, and additional equipment are required. The Reno City Council has allocated \$200,000 in contingency funds for the purpose of enhancing the security of City Hall and other municipal facilities. The remaining \$40,000 in funds will be obtained from cost savings in the security division budget.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.03%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

June 12, 2024 - Council approved the allocation of \$200,000 for the repair and replacement of the City of Reno CCTV system.

May 25, 2016 – Council approved a contract with Powercomm Solutions, Inc., for the installation, configuration, and testing for security camera systems throughout Reno in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.

Background:

The City of Reno's CCTV system was installed in 2016 by Powercomm Solutions, Inc., which has served as the system's original integrator and continued support for any testing, repairs, and updates. Powercomm's knowledge of the system's design and installation makes them the preferred vendor to handle any necessary updates. Since its installation, the system has played a key role in monitoring public spaces and enhancing security in municipal facilities. However, many of the system's components have now reached the end of their operational life.

Approximately one-third of the CCTV system no longer meets current industry standards, which negatively impacts its ability to support critical security functions. In addition, there is a critical need to expand the infrastructure in high risk/high traffic areas in the BID.

Discussion:

The safety and security of Reno City Hall, other City-owned facilities, employees, and visitors rely heavily on the effective operation of the City's CCTV system. The system serves as a critical deterrent to criminal behavior while also providing key evidence in investigations. However, due to the outdated nature of many components, the system's functionality has been significantly compromised. The deteriorated CCTV infrastructure poses a major risk, as its reduced effectiveness hampers the ability to monitor and respond to security threats.

Immediate action is needed to restore the system's operational integrity and bring it into compliance with current industry standards. Repairs and replacements of outdated components are crucial for the system to meet its intended purpose. Additionally, the expansion of the CCTV infrastructure is necessary to cover priority areas, particularly within the BID, where enhanced security is crucial.

Powercomm Solutions, Inc., as the original installer of the City's CCTV system, is best positioned to perform the necessary repairs, replacements, and infrastructure expansions. Their familiarity with the system will ensure a seamless integration of new components with existing infrastructure.

Financial Implications:

Council approved \$200,000 in FY23/24 specifically for enhancing security at City Hall and other municipal facilities. The additional funding of \$40,000 required for this project will be sourced from cost savings within the security division budget.

This contract was not subject to a request for proposal pursuant to NRS 322.115.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approves the contract for electronic security services between the City of Reno and Powercomm Solutions to include all costs associated with the repair, replacement, and additional infrastructure of the City of Reno closed circuit television cameras located throughout the Reno in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation to approve the project between the City of Reno and Powercomm Solutions, Inc. to repair and replace necessary components of the City's CCTV System, not to exceed \$240,000.

Attachments:

Powercomm Solutions Proposal – City of Reno Camera Additions

Powercomm Solutions Proposal – City of Reno Camera Corrections and Upgrades

Powercomm Contract 2024 Security System Services Camera Corrections Upgrades DRP
Camera Additions