

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 6, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>An ordinance to dispense with competitive bids for purchase of hardware maintenance services.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Information Technology Department</p>	<p>√ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>This ordinance waives competitive bidding for the purchase of up to five (5) months of hardware maintenance and support for the NGIT Altaris application for the City's computer-aided 911 dispatch system.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The total cost for this five (5) months of extended service is \$5,358.00 plus taxes, with the cost for each additional month of hardware maintenance at \$1,072.00. The City will have an option to terminate the maintenance service upon thirty (30) days' notice.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the ordinance.</p>	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<p>N/A</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>The City currently utilizes a CAD/MIS System to manage its 911 dispatch operations. The software program for this system was purchased from PRC Public Sector, Inc., in 1996; however, PRC was purchased by Northrop Grumman six (6) years ago. Because it is a Northrop Grumman proprietary application, the hardware maintenance service must be provided by Northrop Grumman exclusively.</p>	

BACKGROUND

Therefore, to continue hardware maintenance service and avoid problems that could result in a shut down of the 911 Dispatch System, the City must enter into another maintenance agreement with Northrop Grumman. The current software maintenance agreement with Northrop Grumman commenced on December 1, 2009, and expires on December 1, 2014.