

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35DATAMINR FIRST ALERT CYBER THREAT DETECTION

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Dataminr, Inc., to Purchase Additional Software Licenses for a New Total Amount Not to Exceed \$175,032.00 Annually for the Police Department and Information Technology Solutions Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize execution of a contract amendment to City Secretary Contract Number 58187 with Dataminr, Inc. to purchase additional software licenses for a new total amount not to exceed \$175,032.00 annually for the Police Department and Information Technology Solutions Department.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is requesting authorization to amend City Secretary Contract (CSC) 58187 for the purchase of an additional eight (8) Dataminr licenses for a new total of twenty (20) licenses in the amount of \$144,000.00 for the next one-year term. Each renewal year cost, for the following four years, will include a five percent (5%) increase over the previous year's pricing.

On October 4, 2022, the City entered into CSC 58187 to purchase five (5) Dataminr First Alert software licenses for social media monitoring and cyber threat detection to the City's network infrastructure. September 11, 2023, CSC 58187-A1R1 was executed to add seven (7) licenses and extend the contract through September 30, 2024.

The Police Department Intelligence Exchange (INTEX) and Information Technology Solutions Department (ITS) Cyber Security use Dataminr First Alert software for social media monitoring and cyber threat detection of the City's network infrastructure. Dataminr provides alerts to the City on current social media trends and activities around the world that are used as a predictor of local cyber threats. First Alert leverages over 1,000,000 global, publicly available datasets to create tens of thousands of unique, high-quality, real-time alerts per day, from 195 countries.

The Dataminr alerts will improve the City's overall awareness of potential cyber threats by providing real-time, breaking news alerts from social media, blogs, information sensors, and the deep/dark web. The City currently uses 12 licenses and approval of this M&C will add eight more for a new total of 20 licenses to monitor social media trends and cyber threat detection. Additional user licenses will mitigate risk to the City and its affiliates within the 10-county area of responsibility for INTEX.

The chart below represents annual costs for the 20 licenses for the next term and four additional one-year renewal terms. Costs increase by five percent each renewal year.

DATAMINR FIRST ALERT		
Number of licenses	Term	Annual Cost
20	October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025	\$144,000.00
20	October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026	\$151,200.00
20	October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027	\$158,760.00
20	October 1, 2027 to September 30, 2028	\$166,698.00
20	October 1, 2028 to September 30, 2029	\$175,032.00

Funding is budgeted in the Other Contractual Services account within the Crime Control & Prev Dist Fund for the Police Department and in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund for the ARPA ITS initiatives project.

DVIN-BE: The Police Department was approved for a Chapter 252 Exemption by the City Attorney's Office for the purchase of Dataminr software for the Police Department and Information Technology Solutions Department (ITS). Therefore, the business equity goal is not applicable.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

AGREEMENT TERM: Upon City Council's approval, the term of the Agreement for the purchase of the total 20 licenses will become effective October 1, 2024 and expire September 30, 2025.

RENEWAL OPTIONS: The Agreement currently allows for unlimited one-year renewals upon the mutual agreement of the parties. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal period.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital and operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund for the ARPA ITS initiatives project and in the Crime Control & Prev Dist Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the amendment. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department and the Information Technology Solutions Department have the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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