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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
**From:** John Kreuzenstein, Information Technology Manager  
**Date:** March 14, 2012  
**Re:** Head End Network Firewall

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**INTRODUCTION:** Included as part of the FY2011/2012 Revised Budget was funding in the amount of \$9,200.00 for a Head End Network Firewall. A firewall is a device designed to permit or deny network transmissions based upon a set of rules and is used to protect the network from unauthorized access while permitting legitimate communications to pass. This purchase would replace our current firewall which was purchased in January of 2005.

**BACKGROUND:** Quotations were solicited from qualifying vendors for a new Sonicwall NSA E5500 Network Security Appliance delivered to City Hall. Responding vendors are as follows:

• CDW Corporation D.B.A. CDW-G	\$9,995.00
• Dell Inc.	\$9,195.40
• Insight Public Sector	\$6,964.99
• PC Connection, Inc. D.B.A. Gov Connection	\$9,995.00
• Zones Inc.	\$9,994.99

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:** A review of proposals found all submissions to be in compliance with the terms of the quote. Therefore we recommend City Council authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$6,964.99 for the head end network firewall.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.