



**CITY OF DETROIT**

**LATISHA JOHNSON**

**COUNCIL MEMBER**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To: Boysie Jackson, Office of Contracting and Procurement**

**Through: Council President, Mary Sheffield**

**From: Council Member Latisha Johnson submitting memorandum relative to**

**Date: 9/17/2020**

**RE: SUBJECT: Contract #3055385 100% City Funding – To Provide License for Access to Historical Information in the Contract Management System, Novatus.**

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### **SUMMARY:**

Regarding Contract #3055385, I have several questions that I would like to be addressed by the Office of Contracting and Procurement.

1. There is no bid information for this contract because the Novatus software is considered, “legacy and critical to City Operations.”

Will this software license have to be repurchased in perpetuity?

2. Does the City own the historical data and documentation?
3. If the City owns the historical data, how is the renewing of the license for Novatus necessary?

4. Can the historical data be converted to be used by the Oracle system? What is the cost?
5. If this contact is viewed as a legacy cost and critical to City Operations, is there an ability to negotiate a lower yearly renewal cost?
6. What efforts are the Office of Contracting and Procurement undertaking to avoid legacy costs regarding software in the future?

Please contact Gary Grey at [Gray.Grey@detroitmi.gov](mailto:Gray.Grey@detroitmi.gov) with any questions regarding this request.

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