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Detroit City Council

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 2nd, 2022

TO: Boysie Jackson, Office of Contracting and Procurement

FROM: Latisha Johnson
District 4 City Council Member

THROUGH: Council President, Mary Sheffield

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

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 contract is viewed as a legacy cost and critical to City Operations, is there an ability to negotiate a lower yearly renewal cost?



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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 with any questions regarding this request.