

Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

IT Contract with Hennepin County for the Pictometry Aerial Imaging license

Description:

Authorizing a contract with Hennepin County for use of an available Pictometry license at no cost to the City, to expire on October 1, 2018.

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

Pictometry is a patented aerial capture process for collecting oblique aerial images so you can see every property in town from about a 45 degree angle from all directions (12) around. To view this information as a composite map, we require Pictometry's special Software as a Services (SaaS) software. Hennepin County has executed an agreement with Pictometry to secure a limited number of user licenses to be distributed to Cities within the County and at no cost to the partnering Cities. The City of Minneapolis purchased Pictometry software and data for planning and operations needs before the 2008 RNC, but have not renewed since. This imagery is used in a wide variety of ways by an equally wide variety of users and it is valuable to those users.

A couple examples include:

- Public Safety use to gain increased situational awareness and better ground truth, especially for planning of tactical operations or technical response (SWAT or Bomb Squad).
- Public Works use to better identify litter container placement issues and with graffiti handling.
- CPED planners use to get accurate building heights and more accurate building surface area information using built in tools.
- Regulatory enforcement use to investigate possible compliance issues and better plan for time spent in the field.
- Assessors use to investigate property assessment cases.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.