



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Information Technology
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: October 3, 2022
Re: Amendment to the Granicus, LLC contract

Executive Summary

Amending contract R83-15 between the City of Columbia and Granicus, LLC for the acquisition of new streaming hardware and software.

Discussion

The City of Columbia entered into an agreement with Granicus, LLC (Granicus) on June 4, 2015 (R83-15) to provide simple meeting management software, streamlined legislative processes (Legistar) and meeting streaming services. The contract was amended on November 2, 2021 (R171-21) to acquire BangTheTable, focusing on citizen engagement.

This amendment is focused on enhancing streaming services. Streaming services are made possible by vendor provided hardware (Encoder Appliance) and associated software (Government Transparency Suite). The encoding hardware utilizes the encoding software to convert the video feed to a streaming format for the web and provides an MP4 file for archive playback through a customer interface. Currently, hardware support is expired for the existing Encoder Appliance.

To improve our streaming customer experience and stability, new hardware and software subscriptions are required. The new encoding hardware (HDW-WOWZA) and installation fee will be \$4,400. The new streaming software subscriptions (GovMeetings Live Cast, Open Platform Suite and Granicus Live Cast Encoding software) fee is \$5,883. This cost is off-set by the termination of prior subscriptions (Granicus Encoding Appliance Software GT and Government Transparency Suite) also totaling \$5,883. The new subscriptions offer the same features as before, and adds high definition streaming.

Hardware and implementation costs of \$4,400 are covered by existing funds. New subscription fees of \$5,883 are offset by the terminated subscription fees.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$16,166 (\$5,883 + \$4,400 first year, \$5,883 second year)
Long-Term Impact: \$5,883 annually



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Inclusive Community, Tertiary Impact: Resilient Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
June 4, 2015	R15-83 Contract between Granicus, Inc. and City of Columbia approved by City Council
November 2, 2021	R171-21 Amendment to acquire BangTheTable and approved by City Council

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval.