



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of September 24, 2013
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of October 8, 2013

DATE: September 24, 2013

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**Data Collection Unit (DCU) Component Upgrade to the
Automated Meter Reading (AMR) System**

CAPTION:

Motion approving a contract with Aclara Technologies LLC, Hazelwood, Missouri for the purchase and installation of components on approximately 61 Data Collection Units (DCU's) of the City's automatic meter reading (AMR) system. The award is based on sole source, for a total amount of \$71,791.33. Funds have been budgeted by the MIS Department in FY 2013-2014.

PURPOSE:

This purchase will update our current infrastructure to the latest technology, while reducing the number of Data Collector Units (DCUs) from 98 units to 77 units.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Aclara Technologies LLC is the sole source manufacturer of the STAR® Fixed Network Automatic Meter Reading System which is currently installed throughout the City of Corpus Christi.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not applicable.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This purchase conforms to the City's purchasing policies and procedures and Texas State procurement laws.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

MIS Operation

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating

Revenue

Capital

Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$545,194.23		\$545,194.23
Encumbered / Expended Amount		\$473,402.90		\$473,402.90
This item		\$71,971.33		\$71,971.33
BALANCE		0.00		0.00

Fund(s): MIS

Comments:

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the motion as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet