



Legislation Text

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**TO:** Mayor Richard C. Irvin

**FROM:** Tim Shields, GIS Manager  
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Jeff Anderson, Deputy CIO

**DATE:** January 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:**

A Resolution authorizing procurement of an Advantage Program (AP) for professional services from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) of Redlands, California in the amount of \$408,300.00, for a three year term.

**PURPOSE:**

The City desires a GIS Enterprise platform that is easy and intuitive for end-users to utilize, efficient for City staff to manage and update, takes advantage of the latest technologies to solve business challenges, and seeks a partnership with ESRI to execute against the initiatives identified in the Geospatial Strategy and expand the use of GIS throughout the organization.

**BACKGROUND:**

The ESRI Advantage Program (AP) is an annual subscription designed to provide enterprise-wide visioning & geospatial enablement through technical advisory, an annual planning meeting, a collaboratively developed technical work plan, & access to exclusive quarterly technology webcasts. It also provides access to a combination of consulting, premium support, & training services.

**DISCUSSION:**

ESRI has provided GIS software and services to the City since 1996. During 2023 the City partnered with ESRI to develop a Geospatial Strategy to identify areas where the City could leverage the GIS Enterprise platform to solve its many business challenges. All city departments were identified as being able to take advantage of the GIS Enterprise Platform.

The Advantage Program will expand on the existing foundation of the GIS Enterprise Platform and provide professional services to maintain and upgrade the existing system, expand the utilization of the platform throughout the City, and train our Staff to become proficient in the various GIS technologies. The Advantage Program will assist in the execution of the initiatives identified within the Geospatial Strategy and allow for the intake of new initiatives and incorporate them into the plan in an efficient manner.

Funds from the 2024 Decision Package will be utilized for this purpose in account 101-1284-419.45-02 (\$136,100 annually).

**IMPACT STATEMENT:**

As the City continues to improve GIS services and implement the Geospatial Strategy, the Advantage Program will support new and engaging services, the utilization of the technologies to their fullest capabilities, and ensure continued success of the GIS Enterprise platform.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that this resolution be approved.

cc: Infrastructure and Technology Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution authorizing procurement of an Advantage Program (AP) for professional services from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) of Redlands, California in the amount of \$408,300.00, for a three year term.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has standardized on ESRI software for Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping; and

WHEREAS, City staff desire expanded use of the GIS Enterprise Platform and will be executing against the Geospatial Strategy; and

WHEREAS, Funds from the 2024 Decision Package will be utilized for this purpose in account 101-1284-419.45-02 (\$136,100 annually).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: authorizing procurement of an Advantage Program (AP) for professional services from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) of Redlands, California in the amount of \$408,300.00, for a three year term.