



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No: 2005-0853**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Bob Grace, Director MIS  
**DATE:** December 2, 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Hardware Upgrades

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**REQUEST:**

Authorization for project budget in the amount not-to-exceed \$175,000 to make required hardware and software upgrades necessary for upgrading to current version of financial software on a SQL server platform. The purchase of equipment and software upgrades will utilize existing cooperative contracts.

**REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

On November 2, 2005, City Council approved the upgrade of the City's financial software system. At that time City Council was advised that specifications were being developed for the upgrade to the City's existing hardware. The hardware purchase would be presented to City Council in December, 2005.

With the assistance of AMX International, the City's financial software implementation consultant, and Oracle technical representatives, specifications for various hardware platforms were developed. A Request for Proposals for replacement of the City's existing iSeries server was solicited, received and evaluated. The evaluation process included consideration of various platforms with relative costs based on Request for Proposals or several State and national cooperative contracts. All cost components of each platform were reviewed and evaluated.

Management Information Services staff selected the Intel Windows platform as providing the best value to the City. The selected hardware will blend easier into the City's overall environment and provide the ability to use current resources across applications. It will also allow for the ability to combine staff's training and ease in administration and maintenance of one database.

As technology pricing is extremely volatile, the lowest pricing for the various components of the SQL platform will be sought from State and national cooperative contracts. The projected budget is \$175,000.

Breakdown of the project costs for the JDEdwards financial system hardware upgrade:

Hardware Cost:	\$ 94,000.00
Software Cost:	72,000.00
Other Cost:	<u>9,000.00</u>
Total Cost:	\$175,000.00

Hardware includes 6 Hewlett-Packard servers and one small iSeries server.

Software includes server operating systems, client access licenses, web-based web integrator and compiler.

Other includes licenses required to perform server backups, and the addition of disk capacity to existing servers.

**PROCESS:**

**Vendor Name and Address:**

Various State and National Cooperative Contracts

**Reason for Selection:**

Best value

**Method of Purchase:**

Purchase Orders

**BUDGET:**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Department Account No</b>	<b>Account No. Description</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
MIS – 636	980000	IS-10C AS/400 Upgrade/Replacement	\$250,000	\$175,000	\$75,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council authorize the project budget in the amount not-to-exceed \$175,000 to make required hardware and software upgrades necessary for upgrading current version of financial software to a SQL server platform. The purchase of equipment and software upgrades will utilize existing cooperative contracts.

**RESOLUTION**

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