



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
October 31, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Contract: Discovery Museum Fire Alarm System Re-bid**

**Location/Council District:** 101 I Street Sacramento, District 1

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) Accepting a construction proposal from Intelligent Technologies; and 2) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with Intelligent Technologies to provide construction services for the Discovery Museum Fire Alarm System Re-bid project in the amount not to exceed \$164,026.

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**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** General Services

**Division:** Facilities and Real Property Management

**Organization No:** 3275

**Description/Analysis:**

**Issues:** Due to public safety concerns brought forth over the past year by Discovery Museum staff regarding the old age of the fire alarm system, lack of available repair parts and the inadequate floor detection area coverage, the Department of General Services staff recommend the immediate replacement of the fire alarm system at the Discovery Museum Gold Rush History Center in Old Sacramento. The interior of the Museum contains 25,000 square feet of floor space and is composed of six galleries. The focus of this project is the safety of the Museum staff, the general public as visitors to the Museum and preservation of priceless artifacts from our City's past that are housed and on display in the Museum.

The fire alarm system bid originally closed on June 21, 2006, and all bids received were considered non-responsive and rejected. The re-bid for the project closed on August 23, 2006.



**Policy Considerations:** This project is consistent the City's Strategic Plan goal to achieve sustainability and livability. The State Fire Marshal Fire Code, Title 19, Public Safety, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1.04 recommends updating fire alarm systems of buildings that have inadequate or out-dated fire alarm protection systems in operation that are significantly below current fire alarm and protection standards.

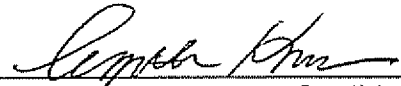
**Environmental Considerations:** The Discovery Museum Fire Alarm System Re-bid project has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301(d) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempted under Section 15301(d) consist of the restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures or facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety. Therefore, it is seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.


**Rationale for Recommendation:** A delay in replacing the building's fire alarm system could endanger the safety of City staff and members of the general public.

- Irreplaceable artifacts from our City's past are also housed in the Museum for display and have increased risk of being damaged or destroyed by fire or smoke.
- Immediate replacement of the fire alarm system will add an additional measure of safety that the existing system lacks.


**Financial Considerations:** The 10-Year Partnership Agreement dated from March 1, 2004 to December 31, 2013 between the City of Sacramento and the Discovery Museum states that the City of Sacramento is responsible for funding major building maintenance items. Sufficient funding is available in the City Facility Deferred Maintenance Project (CE21) to execute a contract with Intelligent Technologies in the amount of \$164,026 for the Discovery Museum Fire Alarm System Re-bid project.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** The contract with Intelligent Technologies is utilizing an ESBD with 24.4% participation.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Reina J. Schwartz  
Director, Department of General Services

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- The alarm system was installed in 1984, when the building was first built. The exterior of the Museum is a replica of the 1854 City Hall and Waterworks building.
- The interior of the Museum contains 25,000 square feet of floor space and is composed of six galleries. Each gallery contains artifacts from California's past including a gold exhibit, McClatchy gallery, Agriculture gallery, Community gallery, Sacramento gallery, and a gift shop.
- The remaining portion of the Museum contains offices, conference room, storage areas, workshop, a docent library and maintenance areas. In addition to viewing by the general public, cultural groups, historical societies, and businesses interested in history enjoy the Museum and its exhibits.
- Discovery Museum staff concerns brought forth regarding the old age of the fire alarm system, lack of available repair parts and the inadequate floor detection area coverage.
- Immediate replacement of the fire alarm system will add an additional measure of safety that the existing system lacks.
- The original fire alarm system bid closed on June 21, 2006, and all bids received were deemed non-responsive and rejected. The re-bid for the project closed on August 23, 2006.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 31, 2006

**ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL FROM INTELLIGENT TECHNOLOGIES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH INTELLIGENT TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM FIRE ALARM SYSTEM RE-BID PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$164,026.**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. Public safety concerns brought forth over the past year by Discovery Museum staff regarding the old age of the fire alarm system, lack of available repair parts and the inadequate floor detection area coverage.
- B. Staff is recommending the immediate replacement of the fire alarm system at the Discovery Museum Gold Rush History Center in Old Sacramento.
- C. The focus of this project is the safety of the Museum staff, the general public as visitors to the Museum and preservation of priceless artifacts from our City's past that are housed and on display in the Museum.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The construction proposal from Intelligent Technologies is hereby accepted.
- Section 2. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute a contract with Intelligent Technologies in the amount not to exceed \$164,026 to provide construction services for the Discovery Museum Fire Alarm System Re-bid project.