

**AWARD OF BIDS/RFPs/CO-OPS/SINGLE SOURCE (cont.)****RFP RENEWAL #6372 SUMMARY:      2021 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
CONSULTING SERVICES**

<b><i>--- HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE ---</i></b>
2020 YTD Expenditure = \$60,000
2021 Estimate = \$60,000

**Background**

Currently, Information Technology Services (ITS) hires outside IT consultant firms on a temporary basis to supplement the efforts of information technology contractors/companies on individual projects, such as web development and system administration services.

This recommendation provides the availability for ITS on relevant projects or initiatives to seek consultant services on an “as needed” basis for a one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The objective is to garner the most appropriate consultant(s) that are best suited for the desired project(s).

The following is a summary of the consultants that responded to the RFP. The RFP detailed potential consulting projects under the headings of: Web Development, Database Administration, Information Security, Telecommunications/Communications, System Administration, and other Information Technology Services. Although there were many objectives, it was determined to choose consultants that were most critical/beneficial for networking or system administration consulting services.

As a result, the top consultants listed below were ranked based on: capabilities/biographies, prior work history, and pricing. Due to the complexity of IT projects, it is likely projects may be awarded to one or more consultants. Consultant(s) selection will be based on relevant criteria to the particular project. ITS staff will request a price proposal by the appropriate vendor and initiate a contract for said vendor.

**Anticipated Vendors** (include, but are not limited to):

- DevCare Solutions
- Global Solutions Group
- COGENT Infotech Corp
- Logicalis
- Systems Soft Technologies
- Swift Strategic Solutions
- Vertex Computer Systems
- V Group
- V2 Technology
- Securance LLC
- Avvenire Solutions

\*Please note other vendors/consultants may be chosen throughout 2021 through the State of Ohio Cooperative Contract, U.S. General Services Cooperative Contract or another cooperative agreement available to government municipalities.

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Cleveland Metroparks reserves the right to not award any contracts to any of the consultants listed above.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement, in a form approved by the Chief Legal & Ethics Officer, between Cleveland Metroparks and **various consultants** listed and summarized above, and maintained in the proposal file for RFP Renewal #6372, for a one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with a **total one (1) year cost not to exceed \$60,000**. In the event the log of consumption approaches 90 percent of the estimate, an action item will be presented to the Board requesting an increase.