

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

DATE: January 28, 2010

ITEM #: Discussion D 5

SUBJECT: Professional Service Contract for Website Development and Email Hosting Services with Iron Goat Networks, LLC

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

ISSUE:

The issue is to discuss a contract with Iron Goat Networks, LLC to provide Website and Email Hosting Services.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Sultan authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with Iron Goat Networks for Website and Email Services on July 24, 2008. (Attachment A). The contract was not signed. At the sub-committee meeting in December 2009, the Spott's advised the contract was not signed because they would have to charge the City a higher fee under contract.

Iron Goat has provided service in accordance with a letter Iron Goat submitted to the City dated October 3, 2007. (Attachment B). The proposed contract from 2008 is attached for Council review. (Attachment C).

The Council Subcommittee met with Iron Goat in December 2009 to discuss areas of concern and they were advised at the meeting that there was no signed contract to provide web site and e-mail service. The Committee requested staff bring the matter to the full council for discussion.

ALTERNATIVES: The alternatives would be:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Iron Goat Networks, LLC for Website and Email Hosting Services, they have fulfilled this role for the past several years and given the City a cost effective rate for such services. Changing companies at this point could create disruption in the city's functions.
2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the contract and direct staff to issue Request for Proposals for Website and Email Services
3. Continue the service without a contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council discuss the alternatives and provide direction.

Attachments:

- A. July 24, 2009 Staff report
- B. Letter from Iron Goat Networks
- C. Draft contract for service

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DATE: July 24, 2008

ITEM #: C - 10

SUBJECT: Professional Service Contract for Website Development and Email Hosting Services with Iron Goat Networks, LLC

CONTACT PERSON: Carole Feldmann, Executive Assistant

ISSUE: Authorize the Mayor to sign a 3 year contract with Iron Goat Networks, LLC to provide Website and Email Hosting Services not to exceed \$ 15,000.00.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff would recommend going forth and signing a professional services contract with Iron Goat Networks which would be a legally binding document and meet State of Washington Auditors requirements. The City and Iron Goat Network currently have an agreement letter: Attachment A

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The City of Sultan has operated without a professional services agreement with Iron Goat Networks for several years and needs to enter into a legally binding agreement for Website and Email Services.

BACKGROUND: Premier Internet Services originally provided these services several years ago and went out of business. The former City Administrator and Mayor went through the process of selecting a company to continue services. Iron Goat Networks was selected.

The City of Sultan needs a Professional Services Contract for Website and Email Hosting Services. The City of Sultan has been functioning with a letter from Iron Goat Networks on acceptable procedures for Website Content and Email Services which does not satisfy the State of Washington Auditors requirements for such services, therefore the City is in need of a legally binding contract.

ALTERNATIVES: Signing a contract for services with Iron Goat Networks, is the most cost effective solution to the city's Web Hosting needs, the alternatives would be:

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Iron Goat Networks, LLC for Website and Email Hosting Services, they have fulfilled this role for the past several years and given the City a cost effective rate for such services. Changing companies at this point could create disruption in the city's functions.

2. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the contract and resubmit for Request For Proposals for Website and Email Services
3. Do not authorize the Mayor to sign and direct staff to areas of concern.

FISCAL IMPACT: First year costs estimated at \$15,000.00

RECOMMENDEATION: Authorize Mayor to sign contract with Iron Goat Networks, LLC for Web and Email Hosting Services.

MOTION:

Attachments: A. Iron Goat Network Agreement Web Email Services 10/03/07
B Professional Services Contract between City & Iron Goat Networks
C Scope of Work

Council Action:

Date:

Attachment B



Iron Goat Networks, llc
P.O. Box 1232
Sultan, WA 98294
360-799-0552

City of Sultan
PO Box 119
Sultan, WA 98294

October 3, 2007

Re: Web and E-mail Hosting Service and Programming

We enjoy providing the City with our services and supporting the City's efforts to make notices and information easily accessible to the public through the web. Please take note of the following in regard to work with the City.

Effective October 3, 2007 payment is due within 30 days of the invoice date to avoid disconnection of service. To reconnect service any outstanding balance must be paid in addition to a reconnection fee equal to 10% of the outstanding balance or \$50.00 whichever is greater.

Iron Goat Networks, llc requires one business day to post items to the web site. Items received after 4PM will not be posted until the following business day. Iron Goat Networks, llc, at its discretion, may post items during non-business hours. An expedited service fee equal to our regular web update rate of \$65/hour may apply to any posting the city requires during non-business hours. The City must notify IGN if expedited, after-hours service is required. IGN business hours are Monday through Friday 9:30AM - 4PM.

We are happy to provide service to the City with the 62% discount on our rates. We understand notices must be posted in a timely manner and will continue to work with the City to see that they do.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Caroline Spott
Iron Goat Networks, llc
info@irongoat.net
360-799-0552

Attachment C

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SULTAN AND
Iron Goat Networks, LLC**

THIS AGREEMENT, is made this **24 day of JULY, 2008**, by and between the City of Sultan (hereinafter referred to as "City"), a Washington Municipal Corporation, and **IRON GOAT NETWORKS, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as "Service Provider"), doing business at 721 DEPOT LANE, SULTAN WA 98294.

WHEREAS, Service Provider is in the business of providing certain services specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to contract with Service Provider for the provision of such services for **INTERNET WEBSITE HOSTING and EMAIL SERVICE & STORAGE** and Service Provider agrees to contract with the City for same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

TERMS

1. **Description of Work.** Service Provider shall perform work as described in **Attachment C**, Scope of Work, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, according to the existing standard of care for such services. Service Provider shall not perform any additional services without the expressed permission of the City.
2. **Payment.**
 - A. The City shall pay Service Provider at the hourly rate set forth in **Attachment A**, but not more than a total of **\$5,000.00 dollars annually**, for the services described in this Agreement. This is the maximum amount to be paid under this Agreement, and shall not be exceeded without prior written authorization from the City in the form of a negotiated and executed supplemental agreement.
 - B. Service Provider shall submit monthly payment invoices to the City after such services have been performed, and the City shall make payment within four (4) weeks after the submittal of each approved invoice. Such invoice shall detail the hours worked, a description of the tasks performed, and shall separate all charges for clerical work and reimbursable expenses.
 - C. If the City objects to all or any portion of any invoice, it shall so notify Service Provider of the same within five (5) days from the date of receipt and shall pay that portion of the invoice not in dispute. The parties shall immediately make every effort to settle the disputed portion.
3. **Relationship of Parties.** The parties intend that an independent contractor - client relationship will be created by this Agreement. As Service Provider is customarily engaged in an independently established trade which encompasses the specific service provided to the City hereunder, no agent, employee, representative or subcontractor of

Service Provider shall be or shall be deemed to be the employee, agent, representative or subcontractor of the City. None of the benefits provided by the City to its employees, including, but not limited to, compensation, insurance and unemployment insurance, are available from the City to the Service Provider or his employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors. Service Provider will be solely and entirely responsible for his acts and for the acts of Service Provider's agents, employees, representatives and subcontractors during the performance of this Agreement. The City may, during the term of this Agreement, engage other independent contractors to develop web content.

4. **Project Name.** **INTERNET WEBSITE HOSTING and EMAIL SERVICE & STORAGE**
5. **Duration of Work.** Service Provider shall provide the work described in **Attachment C** until August 1, 2008.
6. **Termination.**
 - A. Termination Upon the City's Option. The City shall have the option to terminate this Agreement at any time. Termination shall be effective upon ten (10) days written notice to the Service Provider.
 - B. Termination for Cause. If Service Provider refuses or fails to complete the tasks described in Attachment A, or to complete such work in a manner unsatisfactory to the City, then the City may, by written notice to Service Provider, give notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement. After such notice, Service Provider shall have ten (10) days to cure, to the satisfaction of the City or its representative. If Service Provider fails to cure to the satisfaction of the City, the City shall send Service Provider a written termination letter which shall be effective upon deposit in the United States mail to Service Provider's address as stated below.
 - C. Rights upon Termination. In the event of termination, the City shall only be responsible to pay for all services satisfactorily performed by Service Provider to the effective date of termination, as described in the final invoice to the City. The City Manager shall make the final determination about what services have been satisfactorily performed.
7. **Nondiscrimination.** In the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this Agreement or any subcontract hereunder, Service Provider, its subcontractors or any person acting on behalf of Service Provider shall not, by reason of race, religion, color, sex, marital status, national origin or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
8. **Indemnification / Hold Harmless.** The Service Provider shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits including attorney fees, arising out of or in connection with the performance of this Agreement, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the City.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this Agreement is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then, in the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Service

Provider and the City, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, the Service Provider's liability hereunder shall be only to the extent of the Service Provider's negligence. It is further specifically and expressly understood that the indemnification provided herein constitutes the Service Provider's waiver of immunity under Industrial Insurance, Title 51 RCW, solely for the purposes of this indemnification. This waiver has been mutually negotiated by the parties. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

9. **Insurance.** The Service Provider shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Service Provider, their agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. **Minimum Scope of Insurance.** Service Provider shall obtain insurance of the types described below:

1. Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned, hired and leased vehicles. Coverage shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01 or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage.
2. Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written on ISO occurrence form CG 00 01 and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract. The City shall be named as an insured under the Service Provider's Commercial General Liability insurance policy with respect to the work performed for the City using ISO additional insured endorsement GC 20 10 10 01 and GC 20 37 10 01 or substitute endorsements providing equivalent coverage.
3. Workers' Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington.

B. **Minimum Amounts of Insurance.** Service Provider shall maintain the following insurance limits:

1. Automobile Liability insurance with a minimum combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000 per accident.
2. Commercial General Liability insurance shall be written with limits no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate and \$2,000,000 products-completed operations aggregate limit.

C. **Other Insurance Provisions.** The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions for Automobile Liability and Commercial General Liability insurance:

1. The Service Provider's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respect to the City. Any insurance, self-insurance, or insurance pool

coverage maintained by the City shall be excess of the Service Provider's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

2. The Service Provider's insurance shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be cancelled by either party, except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the City.
 - D. **Acceptability of Insurers.** Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best rating of not less than A:VII.
 - E. **Verification of Coverage.** Service Provider shall furnish the City with original certificates and a copy of the amendatory endorsements, including but not necessarily limited to the additional insured endorsement, evidencing the insurance requirements of the Service Provider before commencement of the work.
 - F. **Subcontractors.** Service Provider shall include each subcontractor as insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certifications and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverage shall be subject to all of the same insurance requirements as stated herein for the Service Provider.
10. **Entire Agreement.** The written provisions and terms of this Agreement, together with all documents attached hereto, shall supersede all prior verbal statements of any officer or other representative of the City, and such statements shall not be effective or be construed as entering into or forming a part of, or altering in any manner whatsoever, this Agreement.
 11. **City's Right of Supervision, Limitation of Work Performed by Service Provider.** Even though Service Provider works as an independent contractor in the performance of his duties under this Agreement, the work must meet the approval of the City and be subject to the City's general right of inspection and supervision to secure the satisfactory completion thereof. In the performance of work under this Agreement, Service Provider shall comply with all federal, state and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that are applicable to Service Provider's business, equipment, and personnel engaged in operations covered by this Agreement or accruing out of the performance of such operations.
 12. **Work Performed at Service Provider's Risk.** Service Provider shall be responsible for the safety of its employees, agents and subcontractors in the performance of the work hereunder and shall take all protections reasonably necessary for that purpose. All work shall be done at Service Provider's own risk, and Service Provider shall be responsible for any loss of or damage to materials, tools, or other articles used or held for use in connection with the work.
 13. **Ownership of Products and Premises Security.**
 - A. All reports, plans, specifications, data maps, and documents produced by the Service Provider in the performance of services under this Agreement, whether in draft or final form and whether written, computerized, or in other form, shall be the property of the City.

B. While working on the City's premises, the Service Provider agrees to observe and support the City's rules and policies relating to maintaining physical security of the City's premises.

14. **Modification.** No waiver, alteration or modification of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the City and Service Provider.
15. **Assignment.** Any assignment of this Agreement by Service Provider without the written consent of the City shall be void.
16. **Written Notice.** All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to the parties at the addresses listed below, unless notified to the contrary. Any written notice hereunder shall become effective as of the date of mailing by registered or certified mail, and shall be deemed sufficiently given if sent to the addressee at the address stated in this Agreement or such other address as may be hereafter specified in writing.
17. **Non-Waiver of Breach.** The failure of the City to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements contained herein, or to exercise any option herein conferred in one or more instances shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of said covenants, agreements or options, and the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.
18. **Resolution of Disputes, Governing Law.** Should any dispute, misunderstanding or conflict arise as to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the matter shall be referred to the City Manager, whose decision shall be final. In the event of any litigation arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed for its reasonable attorney fees from the other party. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year above written.

CITY OF SULTAN

By: _____
Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

SERVICE PROVIDER

By: _____
Title: _____
Taxpayer ID #: _____

CITY CONTACT

City of Sultan
319 Main Street, Suite 200
Sultan, WA 98294
Phone: 360-793-2231
Fax: 360-793-3344

SERVICE PROVIDER CONTACT

Phone: _____
Fax: _____

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED

Scope of Work

Iron Goat Networks, LLC Email and Web Hosting Services

Iron Goat Networks, LLC will be on call to provide technical assistance and system administration to the city and provide general professional services on an as-needed basis primarily during normal business hours: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. Iron Goat Networks, LLC, will guarantee a 2-hour response time for emergency situations at all hours, as defined at the sole discretion of the city. Iron Goat Networks will work closely with the City Clerk.

Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Initial assessment – Iron Goat Networks will assess the current needs of the City of Sultan as it pertains to establishing a Web Design with acceptable content and structure included in the assessment will be email accounts and storage needs. The written assessment should include the number of hours deliverable for recommended phases of improvements and upgrades. A written assessment report with recommendations is due within 30 days of all parties signing the contract.
2. Website Content - Iron Goat Networks, LLC requires one business day to post items to the web site. Items received after 4PM will not be posted until the following business day. Iron Goat Networks, LLC, at its discretion, may post items during non-business hours. An expedited service fee equal to our regular web update rate of \$ 65/hour may apply to any posting the city requires during non-business hours. The City must notify IGN if expedited, after-hours service is required. IGN business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 5PM.
3. Security – Maintain virus detection programs on city servers, e-mail and all other city computers and laptops. Perform security audits as requested and notify city personnel immediately of suspected breaches of security or intrusion detection. Configure city systems to enable remote access in a secure environment and provide remote access administration as requested or designated by city personnel. The ability to allow this access should commence within 60 days of all parties having signed the contract. *Security is a part of the Professional Services contract for Information Technology Services.*

* *Scope of Work subject to change after Attorney / Client review.*