

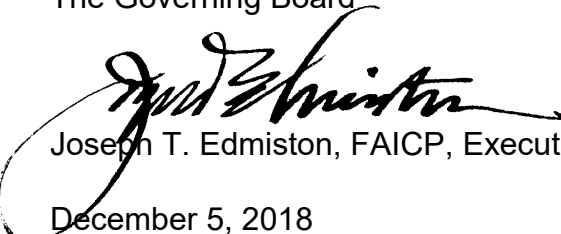


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: December 5, 2018

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing renewal of contract with Cyber Specialists, Inc. for IT services.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing renewing a professional services contract with Cyber Specialists, Inc. (formerly known as Simon Computer Systems) in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 annually, for Information Technology (IT) and Computer Support Services.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) maintains for its staff more than 150 networked computers and field computers with a multitude of applications including e-mail, mapping, graphic arts, word processing, landscape and construction design, and government accounting software. It also maintains four servers at eight office locations, and supports internet access from multiple vendors at these locations. MRCA has determined it is most cost efficient to contract for these complex IT services.

In 2014 and, previously, in 2008, the Governing Board authorized a professional services contract with Simon Computer Systems for Information Technology (IT) Services. The company has been renamed Cyber Specialists, Inc. The contractor has provided excellent IT and computer support services for the agency as its need for dependable and secure IT systems has grown exponentially.

The principal of Cyber Specialists, Inc., Simon Maguire, was the project manager in 2002 when the MRCA originally networked its computers at multiple office locations and has an intimate understanding of the agency computer systems and the specific IT needs of all MRCA employees. With many years experience supporting the MRCA IT program, and using the most up-to-date technology, Cyber Systems' ability to provide for the unique needs and constraints of the agency (particularly the

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multiple remote locations and field use of equipment for fire and ranger services) and its computer and software equipment is exceptional. As the technology needs of the agency continue to increase, it would be most efficient for agency operations to renew its contract with Cyber Specialists, Inc. for IT services.