



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Library
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Approved by: Scott W. Huth, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Five-Year Agreement with Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (Clarivate) for Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS) and Vega Products, the Total Contract Amount Not-to-Exceed \$190,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Five-Year Agreement Between the City of National City and Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (Clarivate) for the Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS), Vega Discover Premium, and Vega Mobile Self-Checkout for a Total Contract Amount Not-to-Exceed \$190,000."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

The National City Public Library currently uses an integrated library system (ILS) to manage library operations including cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, patron records, and online access. We assessed integrated library system (ILS) providers and invited each to demo their platforms for staff evaluation. We evaluated our current provider, SirsiDynix, as well as The Library Corporation and Clarivate. SirsiDynix and The Library Corporation had higher price points and offered fewer established features than Clarivate.

After evaluating available solutions, staff recommends transitioning to the Polaris ILS with Vega Discover Premium and Vega Mobile Self-Checkout, provided by Innovative Interfaces Incorporated (a Clarivate company).

This transition will modernize the Library's ILS infrastructure, improve functionality for staff and patrons, and integrate enhanced features such as mobile self-checkout, modernized catalog discovery, and improved authority and catalog management.

Contract Summary:

- **Annual Products & Licensing (Recurring):** \$29,000 per year
- **One-Time Implementation Services:** \$35,000 (includes data migration, system setup, training, and go-live support)
- **Contract Term:** 60 months (5 years)

- **Annual Increase:** 2.5% (Years 2–3), 3.5% (Years 4–5)
- **Total Estimated Contract Amount (5 Years):** Not to exceed \$190,000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Funding for this contract is available through the Library's Contract Services account, 104-86-41-41100-7299.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Parks, Recreation and Library

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA, and is therefore, not subject to environmental review. CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – National City Public Library – Clarivate Contract
Exhibit B - Resolution