



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:

March 17, 2026 – Common Council
April 13, 2026 – Finance and Personnel
April 20, 2026 – Common Council

SUBJECT:

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Chief Information Officer, requesting permission to enter into a sole-source professional services agreement contract #2026049 with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. to assist City in planning the addition of Water and Wastewater to the City’s network.

PREPARED BY:

Adele Edwards, Chief Information Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Management Information Services (MIS) Department is requesting authorization to enter into a sole-source professional services agreement contract #2026049 with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. to assist City in planning the addition of Water and Wastewater to the City’s network.

PROJECT BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

To reduce duplicative processes and expenses regarding network maintenance costs, in 2027 the City will add the Water and Wastewater Utilities to the City’s network. This is a very large and extremely complicated project and must be researched and planned very carefully to reduce unexpected complications.

The MIS department needs research, planning, and cost estimate support to plan the 2027 project. This planning project includes a detailed inventory of all devices on the Utility network (servers, laptops, desktop, phones, switches, cabling, etc.). After discovery, the contractor will provide an action plan to seamlessly connect the City and Utilities networks. This will include budgetary estimates, such as purchase costs of hardware and software with implementation costs included, and costs for adding Utility devices to the City’s security monitoring systems. This planning work must be completed prior to July of 2026 so that the budget implications are understood and costs added to the City’s budget.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

This one-time contract will not exceed \$90,000. Funding is available in accounts: (\$30,000) 70113 52100 MIS Professional Services, (\$30,000) 80921 52100 Water Professional Services, and (\$30,000) 60181 52100 Wastewater Professional Services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and sign a contract #2026049, with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. to provide planning professional services.