City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:
April 20, 2026 – Common Council
April 27, 2026 – Finance and Personnel
May 5, 2026 – Common Council

SUBJECT:
Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Chief Information Officer, requesting permission to enter a sole source three-year contract,#2026048, with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri) to maintain our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software.

PREPARED BY:
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Management Information Services (MIS) Department is requesting permission to enter a sole source three-year contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri) to maintain our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. The City of Racine has utilized ESRI and their GIS software for many years prior.

PROJECT BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:
The City of Racine has been using ESRI's GIS solutions for over 10 years. Every 3 years, we need to renew our Esri Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA). The software is on a Sourcewell state contract. We are bringing this before Council because it is one of our core systems. It is widely used by the majority of departments, including Public Safety and Department of Public Works.

GIS is vital for local governments because it enables spatial analysis, data integration, and informed decision making. GIS helps departments understand and visualize patterns, plan for development, manage assets and resources, and respond to emergencies. It enhances data management, transparency, and citizen engagement by providing access to geospatial information.

This EA will maintain our access to Esri technical support, training, licensing, and various pre-built state and local government solutions and product sets.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:
This is a three-year contract with a total cost of $180,900. Funds are available in account #70113-54500 for FY 2026 ($60,300) and costs for subsequent years will be appropriated during the annual budget process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and sign contract, #2026048 with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. to maintain our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software.