

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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September 6, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AWARD: Software Maintenance & Support

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for computer software maintenance & support; funds to be provided from the General Fund. Procurement procedures for this contract have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PJ Systems dba HiQ Computers 477 Riverside Avenue Medford, MA 02155	7/1/16 - 6/30/17	\$26,250.00


DESCRIPTION: This contract provides management software utilized by the Information Technology Staff to manage the large number of district-owned tablets, desktop and laptop computers.

SUPPORTING DATA: RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12..."motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCES:

ACCOUNT:	55804	Education Supplies/Computer Software
FUND:	15000	General Fund
ORG:	892780	MIS/Information, Communication & Tech Services
PROJ:		

Respectfully Submitted,


Kenneth N. Salim, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: PJ Systems Doing Business As (DBA) HiQ Computers Contract

Purpose: Software Maintenance and Support

Amount of Contract: \$26,250

Description/Scope of Services:

This contract is for the annual maintenance fee for HEAT LANrev, which is a device management software tool that has been in place throughout the district for several years. Previously known as "Absolute Manage," this tool is used for the day-to-day management of the large number of district-owned computer devices (laptops, desktops and tablets). HiQ is a "state contract" reseller for this application and annual maintenance.

CPS currently maintains approximately 4,000 desktops and laptops and more than 2,000 Chromebooks and tablets using a variety of operation systems including Apple IOS, Windows and Google Android. The complexities of managing such a wide range of devices without the proper tools would be overwhelming.

HEAT LANrev provides the CPS Information Technology (IT) staff with a single console through which they can manage software images, new software installs, power management and software license monitoring and metering for the various iOS, Android, and Windows based desktop and laptop computers and tablet devices.