



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**February 20, 2024**

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**TOPIC:** Firewall Hardware and Services

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Award a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$71,532 to AirGaps, LLC for Firewall Hardware and Services (Specification No. 24-015) (Non-General Fund)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize a one-time purchase and payment of Purchase Order to AirGaps, LLC for firewall hardware and services in an amount not to exceed \$71,532.

**GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:** No

**DISCUSSION**

The Information Technology Department (IT) provides support to both City Hall and the Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD) data centers. The need to protect and ensure the safety of City's digital assets is one of the top concerns facing the City today. To accomplish this goal, the City uses firewalls that provide protection against outside cyberattacks by enforcing policies that shield the City's network and computer systems from malicious network traffic. Additionally, firewalls provide off-site and remote workers secure access into authorized data and network resources by facilitating VPN (Virtual Private Network) connections.

In order to keep current, staff recommends replacing legacy firewalls with upgraded next generation firewalls. Next-Generation Firewalls (NGFWs) are the latest in digital protection, helping to merge the best parts of traditional firewall technology with new security innovations that deliver optimal digital protection.

Santa Ana City Ordinance No. NS- 3041 authorizes the City to purchase against contracts from any public agency utilizing a competitive bid process. Omnia Partners' contract with AirGaps LLC for Security Products and Data Protection Solutions was awarded as a result of open, competitive bidding, and meets the City's requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds in the amount of \$71,532 are available for expenditure in the current Fiscal Year

2023-24 budget as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Accounting Unit – Account</b>	<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Accounting Unit, Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 23-24	10920149-66400	Information Technology	IT Projects, Machinery & Equipment	\$ 71,532

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