OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
OCTOBER 20, 2015 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance to dispense with competitive selection processes and award a contract for security awareness training to Optiv Security, Inc.; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes.	√ **Ordinance** Resolution Approval Information Report	
Submitted By:		
Information Technology Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager

SYNOPSIS	To authorize City Manager to dispense with bids and purchase Security Awareness Training for City employees from the City's current firewall vendor Optiv Security, Inc.
FISCAL IMPACT	The total yearly cost for the online training would be $32,500.00 plus taxes and fees. The training will be paid for from the Information Technology Department's annual operating budget.
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the ordinance.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	N/A
BACKGROUND	Security awareness training is a crucial component for annual PCI compliance and audits for Finance and Police, and is critical to the protection of the City's network and database. In addition, the annual financial audit of the City has noted that this type of training needs to be systematic and available to the hundreds of City employees who are responsible for accessing certain City programs.

| **BACKGROUND CONTINUED** | After a careful review of the companies that provided the necessary software and training for a system compatible with the City's needs, it was determined that Optiv Security is the only vendor that provides the needed training content in a flexible format that would be readily available to all levels of City employees. Since the research has been done, and any specification would basically suggest only one company could comply with the desires of the City, it is impractical and unfeasible to submit this purchase to a competitive selection process. Even though the amount is under $50,000, the fact that it is not competitively selected requires an ordinance by the Board of Directors. |