



City of West Allis
Department of Information Technology

DATE: July 18, 2012
TO: Gene Baietto, Manager Purchasing/Central Services
FROM: Jim Jandovitz, Manager of Information Technology
SUBJECT: Palo Alto Firewall backup unit

This letter is to recommend the sole source purchase of a backup unit for our present City's Palo Alto perimeter computer network firewall for the amount of \$6000. This firewall handles all the computer communications between building in the city, the INTERNET, police squads, fire rigs, and DPW units. This is the only single point of failure on the city network and needs to be functioning 24/7. I am recommending that we purchase an identical unit to be used as a 'cold' standby unit in case the main unit fails to any reason.

Sincerely,

Jim Jandovitz
Manager of Information Technology
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