

Subject: RE: Brown County assessment proposal
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 3:34:56 PM Central Daylight Time
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CC: Drew Altom
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Judge Smith,

We reviewed several items related to this need yesterday and over the weekend trying to prepare something for you to review.

Every model I produce says this will take 90-120 hours, which includes both onsite & remote work. Our original estimate was 170 hours based on manually touching computers. With the direction you gave us on Friday I think we are going to be able to get the same data by automating this process and pushing out the auditing software from the county's server. This had always been the goal, but our original estimate was a worst-case scenario.

Based on a proposed approval by the county of August 29th our goal would be to have a final report the week of September 19, 2022. Updates on this timeline will be provided along the way to keep you up to date on any developments or critical issues that may lead to delays. Items discovered that need to be addressed immediately will also be raised.

If we go with the low-end of 90 hours, I think the cost would look something like this:

90 Hours / Tier II	\$15,300
Travel & Expenses	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$17,800

=====BREAKDOWN=====

Network Assessment	20 Hours	Review Network Setup, Scan Networks, Develop Findings & Recommendations
Departmental Assessment	18 Hours	Meet with Department Heads to gather information on known issues, coming needs, status of compliance
Deployment & Server Review	16 Hours	Deploy Auditing Agent, Review Server Configs to Develop Findings & Recommendations
Bill & Contract Review	12 Hours	Review Current Spending to determine systems in place, evaluate cost savings, document systems that are currently unknown
Data Review	4 Hours	Gather Data from Audits, Compile into useable format, code for recommendations of replacement
Internal Review	6 Hours	Internal meeting as a project team to pull together data from different areas to start compiling report for customer
Report Generation	10 Hours	Write Recommendation Report for Customer that includes findings (Can include recommendations, age of equipment, inventory of items)
Presentation	4 Hours	Present findings to customer with overview & explanation (This can include IT committee and/or Commissioners' Court. These findings, if in a public hearing, should be in executive session. This report will be protected by law from disclosure to the general public and will reference the local government code on the report that protects the disclosure due to

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critical infrastructure security concerns)

I looked at reducing our per hour cost, but my concern is if we are estimating on the low end and then cut our costs, we are only setting the project up for over-runs and issues. Given the outline above, I feel comfortable in getting the job done with a "not to exceed price" as outlined.

I welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,



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Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:28 AM

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Sam & Drew-

Our hiring sub-committee is meeting this morning to just de-brief from Friday. When do you think you can get us the proposal for the "assessment" we discussed on Friday? That's the next step as far as we can tell and we want to be able to get it on the commissioner's agenda for Monday the 29th.

Thanks...mike