



**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT EMAIL ARCHIVING SYSTEM MENT**

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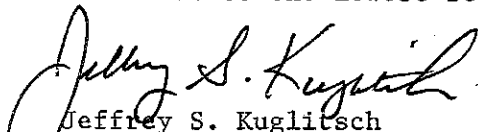
FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funds are available in IT's main budget, A/C 07-1430, for the purchase of this system.

  
Jeffrey A. Smith  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. In addition, sec. 59.52(29), Wis. Stats. requires the project to be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

  
Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

## **Executive Summary for the Purchase of Replacement Email Archiving System**

The County's current email archiving system has proven to be problematic in meeting the archiving and discovery needs of the County, especially in terms of the archive storage and archive reporting processes. It has become difficult to meet the timely archive reporting requests that have been on the increase during the past couple of years.

The current email archiving system is provided by Messaging Architects which does offer an updated system which largely resolves the outstanding issues, but at an unacceptably higher cost than the present system. Therefore, the IT department sought other options that would work well with the County's Groupwise email system and include the functionality desired by the email archive users.

After extensively testing three capable and reference-checked email archiving options within the County's production environment, the IT department has determined that the Mirapoint RazorSafe solution is best at meeting the County's system requirements in a cost effective manner. The RazorSafe system is a combination of a hardware appliance and a yearly software subscription. This email archiving solution is used successfully by many Wisconsin counties and municipalities. The following summarizes a four year comparative projection of respective system costs:

<b><u>Email Archive Options</u></b>	<b><u>1st-Yr Cost</u></b>	<b><u>2nd-Yr Cost</u></b>	<b><u>3rd-Yr Cost</u></b>	<b><u>4th-Yr Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Messaging Architect (Current Provider)	\$47,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$100,000
Barracuda	\$16,499	\$16,499	\$16,499	\$16,499	\$65,996
RazorSafe	\$26,650	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$43,750

By using the Mirapoint RazorSafe solution, the County will save \$56,250 over a four year period. This replacement email archiving system will be funded by using Computer Hardware and Software Maintenance accounts that include adequate balances for this project. The registered and authorized service-providing reseller of the Mirapoint RazorSafe email archiving system for southern Wisconsin is DigiCorp, located in Milwaukee.