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Subject: FW: Your policy exception has been approved.
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Per my conversation with Chris earlier this morning. Please see my approval of a standardization of SEL computers and automation controllers for OEU and WRS. This standardization is approved for 5-Years and can be re-visited and extended in 2028 upon request if SEL remains the sole provider of hardened equipment with a 10-year warranty or it is otherwise in the City's best interest to do so.



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Approval Comments: Please note, the 5-year standardization of SEL relays and associated equipment that was granted by Tiffany Kimball on September 14, 2020 related specifically to SEL "relays and associated equipment" and not to SEL computers. The procurement exception granted by Tiffany Kimball on November 10, 2021 granted approval for WRS to purchase a replacement SCADA computer "for efficiencies with standardization of material." For the sake of clarity moving forward, please allow THIS approval to stand as the Procurement and Contracting Officer's FORMAL APPROVAL STANDARDIZATION OF SEL COMPUTERS AND AUTOMATION CONTROLLERS FOR OCALA ELECTRIC UTILITY AND WATER RESOURCES. This standardization is approved for a period of 5-Years from today's date and has been granted for the following reasons. (1) Christopher Ramos, Director of Information



Technology has identified OEU and WRS as departments that require "hardened" industrial computers and automation controllers because of the work environments within which these machines are required to operate; (2) SEL's purpose-built industrial computers and automation controllers are already in-use in harsh environments within OEU and WRS and have performed well; (3) SEL is the only provider who offers a 10-Year warranty on these purpose-built industrial computers and automation controllers, which affords the City best value. THE DEPARTMENT IS APPROVED TO PROCEED WITH MAKING THIS PURCHASE THROUGH THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT FOR THE SAKE OF CONSISTENCY, SECURITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING OFFICER HAS ALREADY SPOKEN WITH CHRISTOPHER RAMOS WHO IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ITS INTENTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROCUREMENT. YOU MAY ATTACH A COPY OF THIS APPROVAL TO THAT CONFIRMATION.

Procurement/Contract/P-Card Exception

Select exception type:

Procurement

Reason for procurement exception:

Standardization

Enter a brief description of your exception request:

We are in need of replacing our Scada Server located at The Perry Spray Field due to continuing failures. On 2020 Ocala electric Utility standardized on SEL equipment's and associated products due to the dependability of the equipment and their warranty program that extend to 10 years. On 2021 Water Resources requested the same following OEU standardization. Attached find supporting documents with a quote for your review on this request.

Attach all documents related to the exception that can assist the Contracting Officer's decision.

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[SEL relay standardization 9-2020.pdf](#)

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