

TO: CITY MANAGER **2005 March 15**
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE **File: 8900 01**
SUBJECT: EXTERNAL TRAINING AUTHORIZATION
PURPOSE: To request Council approval for training expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council authorize expenditures not to exceed \$3,500 for the Information Services Database Administrator's upgrade training on Oracle Database 10g.

REPORT

The release of new versions of our Oracle Database software has dictated the need for upgrade training for the City's Database Administrator. Oracle database training is offered through "CDI Education" a certified Oracle training partner, the cost of the five day course (inclusive of GST) is \$3,400.

The course provides comprehensive training on the new features in Oracle Database 10g. Through the training, the City's Database Administrator will learn the new features to increase database availability, simplify database performance monitoring and tuning through the use of Oracle tools (advisors) and simplify database manageability. The course also covers security and some development platform changes that are needed for applications that support the new features.

The City needs this on-site expertise to aid in our move of existing applications to the new database versions and to prepare for their use in new software. The training will help reduce our reliance on external consulting for the management of our computer systems.

Council approval is required for staff training expenditures in excess of \$2,500.



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