



Ballwin Police Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO: [CHIEF SCOTT]

FROM: [TONY HICKHAM]

DATE: [4/3/19]

SUBJECT: [AVAILABILITY OF A "LEASED" CLOUD CAD SYSTEM]

Chief Scott,

After research into the question of the availability of a "leased" Cloud-based CAD system, where hardware is purchased or leased from Amazon Web Services for example, I can confirm these options are not available. The hosting of our cloud based CAD system is included in the subscription price of the major vendors we've researched. Subscription based SAAS (Software As A Service) is the industry norm for the incredibly vast portion of the market. We could buy our own hardware, install it locally and pay for backing it up, managing it, licensing it, and we would still pay the same price for the software from any cloud-based vendor to host their software on our equipment. In my opinion, that would be a waste of funds when they include all the benefits of cloud-hosted solutions in their base prices.

In summary, my recommendation is to go forward with the vetting and purchase of a cloud-based and vendor hosted solution noting the multitude of benefits as previously discussed.

Sincerely,

Tony Hickham

Law Enforcement IT Manager

CC: Ballwin Board of Alderman