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Testimony for ADS and IP Cameras

In the winter of 2008 the Union R-XI School District did a RFP (Request for Proposals) for video surveillance systems for our high school and middle school. We asked for the typical analog systems that many schools and businesses use for the surveillance. ADS (American Digital Security) bid on the project, but they also bid on an IP (Internet Protocol) system using Mega Pixel cameras. They not only had the lowest bid on the analog system but their IP system was lower than most of the other analog bids.

Our security team visited some businesses that were using their IP systems and we were thoroughly impressed. The system has the capabilities to zoom in on recorded video, can be accessed through the internet with proper authorization, and had outstanding picture quality.

The very next week technicians from ADS were doing a walkthrough of our schools, we found with the range and quality of their cameras we did not need as many cameras in some locations to cover the same area, which helped cost and provided better coverage.

Installation started quickly and they were very accommodating doing the install during the school year, there was absolutely no distraction to the classrooms. Another plus of the system is the cameras run to switches and the Cat 5 wiring runs to the control head, so in the case of our high school we had maybe 5 or 6 wires running to the control head for 72 cameras. This helped with appearance as the wiring is very discreet and not noticeable.

Once the system was installed, the ease of use and the quality of the product was outstanding. In our high school we have the capabilities to follow anyone walking through the entire building, they may drop off for a second or two, but then are picked up by the next camera.

I am a district administrator and have the capability to view and search every camera in our schools from my office. This capability is also given to the local police so they can have access at the station or in a cruiser's laptop as we have wireless access outside of our buildings in the terrible event such as an active shooter or other school threat.

ADS is located about three and a half hours from our schools, but have provided excellent service. In fact I am equally impressed with their service as the quality of their product.

Our SROs (school resource officers) have used the system many times since it was installed to solve crimes, determine involvement of people in fights as well as viewing car accidents some reported and some were hit and runs.

I have no hesitation to recommend ADS and their IP camera system to any school or business looking for a quality video surveillance system. If anyone has any questions, they may feel free to contact me at (636) 583-8626 ext. 1

Sincerely,

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