

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASE FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT PORTABLE RADIO REPLACEMENT THROUGH
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance and Fire Departments that the Council, by resolution, 1) approve the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing 10-2428, 2) authorize the utilization of H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program under H-GAC's Agreement No. RA05-15 with Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Farmers Branch, Texas, and 3) authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order for Motorola portable radios to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Santa Rosa Fire Department (SRFD) is in need of replacing portable radios in compliance with current Federal and State standards. This is consistent with Council Goals 2A and 6.

BACKGROUND

The SRFD is currently using ICOM CS F-70 portable radios. These radios were purchased and placed into service in September 2005 in response to a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) report recommending all operational fire ground personnel have a means of communication to an incident commander or dispatch center. A common factor discovered in structural and wild land firefighting environments is failure in communication processes and hardware. In the intervening 13 years since the current radios were placed into service, there have been improvements to communication technology, channel capacity, user ergonomics, functionality, and user safety features.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None

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ANALYSIS

The SRFD and many local and regional fire agencies utilize Motorola APX series radios. All have reported the performance record has been satisfactory. These radios are equipped with an expansive channel capacity and enhanced user safety features making them the best product for the SRFD. A key feature is the ability to intergrate “in mask” radio communication between the radio and self contained breathing apparatus currently in the purchasing process.

The Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing 10-2428 between the City and H-GAC is an automatic annual renewal contract, which allows Santa Rosa to participate in the H-GACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program. The Interlocal Contract improves the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing the fullest possible range of inter-governmental contracting authority at the local level.

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program is a competitive bidding process that assists local governments in reducing costs through this government-to-government procurement service available nationwide.

The Radio Communication/Emergency Response and Mobile Interoperability Equipment Contract No.RA05-15 agreement is a contract between H-GAC and Motorola Solutions Inc. which includes non-standard terms and conditions. Any purchase of equipment by local government entities through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program is required to be done under the terms of this agreement. The limitation of liability and limited warranty language has been reviewed with Risk Management and the City Attorney’ s Office. The Purchase Order when issued will not include the City of Santa Rosa standard Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, but rather will include as attachments the Interlocal Agreement and the agreement between H-GAC and Motorola Solutions, Inc. RA05-15 as the terms and conditions for this purchase.

Santa Rosa City Code Section 3-08.160 allows for cooperative purchases when advantageous to the City. HGAC’s procurement process includes research, specifications preparation, pre-bid and preproposal conferences, legal notice posting and advertising, bid/proposal review and contract execution available at a national level. Additional benefits to utilizing a cooperative purchase agreement is an expedited procurement process, volume purchasing discounts, on-duty professional staff assistance, research and development of technical specifications, and contract management services provided by the lead agency (H-GAC). Finance staff has determined that a new competitive bid solicitation would not result in achieving beneficial competitive results.

FISCAL IMPACT

The one-time equipment purchase in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 will utilize previously appropriated funds from Project JL Key 05021.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A – Interlocal Contract 10-2428 and Exhibit B – RA05-15 Agreement

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