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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SERVER AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE INTEGRATION FOR THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (SRFECC) IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000.

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council accept the request of SRFECC to determine an appropriate purchase award, and make a recommendation for award for the purchase of a replacement CAD server and associated software integration based on the City's procurement process.

CONTACT PERSONS: Dennis Smith, Fire Chief, 433-1601

FOR COUNCIL MEETING: December 17, 2002

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that City Council, acting on behalf of SRFECC, adopt the attached Resolution which suspends formal competitive bidding for the purchase of a replacement CAD server and associated software integration. The resolution also authorizes SRFECC to execute the necessary purchase from Northrop Grumman Corporation, Public Sector, Inc., 135 Main Street, Suite 1900, San Francisco, CA 94105, in a total amount not to exceed \$600,000.

BACKGROUND:

The California Supreme Court has held that an entity formed by a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) may delegate to one of its members the exercise of power or the performance of an act on behalf of the JPA. As such, the Sacramento Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services Communication Center (SRFECC) has chosen to utilize the procurement procedures of the City of Sacramento (member of SRFECC). SRFECC has delegated the procurement of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) replacement alpha server, associated software and integration with existing PRC/COBOL CAD System to the City (Attachment 1). This report details the issues of the procurement, and recommends a sole source award to Northrop Grumman Information Corporation Public Sector, Inc., in conformance with City procurement ordinances and procedures.

In 1995, PRC was awarded, by the JPA members, as the sole source vendor and supplier for the SRFECC CAD system. The current alpha server is approaching the end of its service life. The PRC CAD system is a proprietary product, which runs solely on the Digital/Compaq/HP 64 bit-Alpha server. No other brands, or manufactured systems, are capable of supporting the Open VMS Operating Systems for which the PRC CAD is solely operated and supported by PRC. The close integration of software and hardware makes the PRC CAD system essentially a one-of-a-kind system. Contract liabilities for maintenance and support specifically state that no third party vendors shall access, edit or otherwise work-on SRFECC CAD system without violating the current contracts. This was put in place in order to provide and maintain a solid, stable and reliable Dispatching System for the JPA members.

Based on the evaluation by the members of SRFECC JPA, staff recommends that the City Council, acting on behalf of SRFECC JPA, suspend formal competitive bidding and authorize SRFECC to issue the necessary purchase order for a replacement server, associated software and integration with existing PRC/COBOL CAD system in a total amount not to exceed \$600,000.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This procurement will be made by SRFECC and it is their responsibility to determine sufficient funds are available before placing the order. Providing assistance in determining an appropriate award and contract does not commit City of Sacramento resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The current project has been determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under Section 15061(b)(3), which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The current proposal involves only the purchase of a hardware and software for use by the SRFECC dispatch center. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

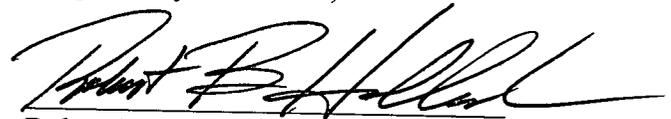
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The recommendations in this report are in accordance with provisions of the City Code Section 3.56.230(C), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council. SRFECC formally adopted a resolution that delegates procurement of the PRC equipment to the City of Sacramento (Attachment 1).

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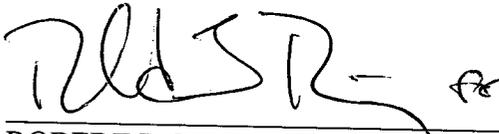
Northrop Grumman Corporation, Public Sector, Inc., is not a certified Emerging or Small Business Enterprise.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert B. Holbrook
Procurement Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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Attachment 1



Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS

Communications Center

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RESOLUTION 12-02

RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR BIDDING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center (hereinafter "Center") is a Joint Powers Authority (hereinafter "JPA") whose members are the City of Folsom, City of Sacramento (hereinafter "City"), Elk Grove Community Services District, Galt Fire Protection District, and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District;

WHEREAS, the Center must make essential public safety improvements that include: upgrading the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System with proprietary new software and hardware from the PRC;

WHEREAS, the California Supreme Court has held that a JPA may delegate to one of its members the exercise of a power or the performance of an act on behalf of the JPA;

WHEREAS, the California Supreme Court acknowledged that competitive bidding may be waived when a member of a JPA has authority to contract without competitive bidding;

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Sacramento provides that the City can waive competitive bidding, and this provision is further elaborated by Article XIV of the Sacramento City Code;

WHEREAS, Section 203 of the Sacramento City Code provides that the City can waive competitive bidding, by a two thirds vote of the city council, on a finding that it is in the best interests of the City to waive such bidding;

WHEREAS, it is essential to the public safety that improvements to the Center's emergency fire/EMS dispatch system be made in a timely manner;

WHEREAS, engaging in competitive bidding to upgrade the Center's existing CAD system may delay efforts to provide the public with needed services;

WHEREAS, failure to timely upgrade the Center's emergency/fire EMS dispatch system would compromise the Center's ability to provide 9-1-1 dispatch for medical emergencies and fire;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS GOVERNING BOARD:

1. Finds it is in the best interests of the JPA to waive competitive bidding to procure equipment and services in order to upgrade the Center's existing CAD System.

2. Elects to delegate the procurement of equipment and services from the PRC, subject to the Center's general direction, guidelines, and oversight, to the City of Sacramento.
3. Authorizes and directs the Center manager to request that the City of Sacramento accept this delegation to procure equipment and services from the PRC on behalf of the Center.
4. Directs the Center manager to request that the City of Sacramento proceed pursuant to the waiver of competitive bidding provisions of Article XIV of the Sacramento City Code for the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by not less than a two-thirds majority of the voting entitlements of the Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center this 29th day of October, 2002, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Elk Grove, Galt, Sacramento City, Sacramento Metro

NOES: \emptyset

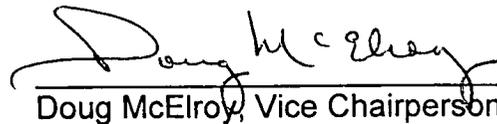
ABSENT: Folsom

BY:



Jim Templeton, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Doug McElroy, Vice Chairperson

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-846

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR
THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH
SERVER AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE INTEGRATION
IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. In the best interest of the City of Sacramento, acting on behalf of the Sacramento Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services Communication Center (SRFECC), formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of a replacement computer aided dispatch server and associated software integration; and
2. The SRFECC is authorized to issue the necessary purchase order for the replacement CAD server and associated software integration with Northrop Grumman Corporation, in a total amount not to exceed \$600,000; and
3. The SRFECC is advised to determine adequate resources are available in their current operating/capital budget to cover the cost of the purchase before a purchase order is issued; and
4. The City Manager is authorized to direct the City Department of Finance, Procurement Services Division to assist SRFECC in completion of forms and contract documents in formats and using procedures performed in its usual execution of procurement and contract responsibilities.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2002-846

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT APPROPRIATE TO
SUSPEND FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT COMPUTER AIDED
DISPATCH SERVER AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE
INTEGRATION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. The City Council finds, at the request of the Sacramento Regional Fire/Emergency Medical Services Communication Center (SRFECC), that it is appropriate to suspend formal competitive bidding for, and sole source, the purchase of a replacement computer aided dispatch server and associated software integration.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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