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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE
PURCHASE OF SABER ENGINEERING REMOTE SCADA RADIO
CONTROL UNITS**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide; All districts

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution which authorizes the suspension of formal competitive bidding for the purchase of remote Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) radio control units manufactured by Saber Engineering, for use in controlling and communicating with pump stations. The Resolution also authorizes the City Manager to issue the necessary purchase orders to Saber Engineering, 1542 Industrial Drive, Auburn, CA 95603, for SCADA equipment in quantities as needed, and in total dollar amounts as budgeted by the City Council, for fiscal year 1998-99 through fiscal year 2000-01.

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Steve Alstrom, Senior Buyer, 433-6343

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: December 15, 1998

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution which authorizes the suspension of formal competitive bidding for the purchase of remote Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) radio control units, manufactured by Saber Engineering, for use in controlling and communicating with pump stations. It also authorizes the City Manager to issue the necessary

purchase orders to Saber Engineering for SCADA equipment in quantities as needed, and in total dollar amounts as budgeted by the City Council, for fiscal year 1998-99 through fiscal year 2000-01.

BACKGROUND:

SCADA radio control units control pump station functions and send information to the Department of Utilities control center. This control center monitors critical information vital to the proper operation of City pump stations. Information such as high water levels, pump operation, and power failures is transmitted over radio frequency, allowing Utilities staff to provide immediate response when problems occur.

In March 1998, the City Council authorized the suspension of formal competitive bidding (Resolution No. 98-100) to allow the Department of Utilities to standardize on the use of Saber Engineering SCADA radio control units for future purchases and contracts for the installation and repair of City pump stations, and for the purchase of SCADA units from the fiscal year 1997-98 budget only.

This report recommends that the Council authorize additional purchases of Saber Engineering SCADA equipment in quantities as needed, and in total dollar amounts as budgeted by the City Council, for fiscal year 1998-99 through fiscal year 2000-01.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds for improvements to the water, sewer, and storm drainage systems are budgeted annually by the City Council in the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budgets. There are currently two CIP projects (XB21 and ZF36) which provide funding that can be expended for SCADA upgrades as well as other system improvements. For the current fiscal year, the funds in the Council-approved budgets for these CIP's, which can be used for the subject SCADA upgrades, related telemetry system improvements, and other water, sewer, and storm drainage system improvements, total approximately \$2,750,000. The current unexpended balance total is approximately \$1,700,000. The actual expenditures may vary from year to year, based on the SCADA upgrade workload schedule, other system improvement work, and the budgeted amounts approved by the Council. It should be noted that the budgeted amounts shown above are designated for overall system upgrades, and will include expenditures for other upgrades and equipment in addition to the SCADA units.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Office of Environmental Affairs has reviewed the project and has determined that this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. "The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen

with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

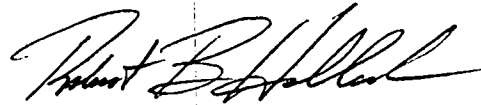
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This recommendation is in accordance with the provisions of City Code Section 57.04.401(c), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

MBE/WBE EFFORTS:

Saber Engineering is not a minority/women business enterprise. The need for standardization on the subject SCADA units precludes the use of products from other sources.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert B. Holbrook
Procurement Services Manager

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



WILLIAM H. EDGAR
City Manager

1 Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 98-630

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE
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ON DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
FOR THE PURCHASE OF SABER ENGINEERING SCADA RADIO CONTROL UNITS**

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

1. In the best interest of the City of Sacramento, formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of Saber Engineering SCADA radio control units; and
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to issue the necessary purchase orders to Saber Engineering for SCADA equipment in quantities as needed, and in total dollar amounts as budgeted by the City Council, for fiscal year 1998-99 through fiscal year 2000-01.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____