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SUBJECT—

Replacement of Mobile Data System Infrastructure.

SYNOPSIS—

Approval to initiate contract negotiations with Durham Communications Incorporated (4611 East Virginia Street; Mesa, Arizona, John Durham, President) for installation of a Mobile Data Infrastructure for Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$1,500,000 is the anticipated need for all expenses related to the Mobile Data Communications System replacement, including resolving hardware and software issues with the Fire Department. A specific funding source has not been identified at this time, but the availability of several funding options will become clearer by the time it is necessary to award a contract. Those options include funds currently earmarked to pay the original contractor, 911 surcharge funds, and fund to be reallocated within the CIP.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On July 6, 2005, by Roll Call No. 05-1604, the City Council instructed the City Manager and staff to create a Request for Proposals to locate and solicit responses from qualified mobile data vendors. This vendor would provide an infrastructure for the uncompleted public safety communications mobile data

system. City staff, with the assistance of the City's communication consultant, RCC Communication Consultants, distributed a Request for Proposal to acquire said vendor. Two qualified vendors submitted proposals.

After a review of the proposals and a half-day demonstration by each vendor, an evaluation matrix was employed by the City's communication consultant to score the proposals. Durham Communications Incorporated is the recommended vendor based on this scoring. City staff would now like to proceed with contract negotiation and identification of funding sources. Once completed, this information will be returned to the City Council for approval of the contract.

The initial contract vendor responsible for the installation of a public safety mobile data communications system failed to provide the system stipulated in the contract. As a result, the communications agreement has been terminated and the City of Des Moines is seeking an alternate vendor. The City Manager and staff are currently negotiating an agreement with the terminated vendor to recover the funding necessary to replace the ineffectual system installed. There is \$1,300,000 of CIP money available (Municipal Improvements—Police and Fire Radio System Improvement: CP034 POL990000 BLD079) that was not paid to the previous vendor. However, because an agreement has not been reached with the vendor and court action may be necessary, this funding is restricted at this time.