



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 48

Roll Call No. 09-

Communication No. 09-709

Submitted by: **Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police**

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of City staff to initiate contract negotiations with RCC Consultants Inc. 2425 Millcreek Ct. Tallahassee, Florida 32308, Mike Hunter, President to contract for Radio Interoperability Consulting Services during Phase 2 of the construction of the Metro Interoperability Communications System.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval for staff to initiate contract negotiations with RCC Consultants for Radio Interoperability Consulting Services to provide consulting services to Tait Mobile Communications for Phase 2 of the construction of the Metro Interoperability Communications System.

RCC Consultants Inc. was contracted by the City to assist the Police Department, Fire Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office and WestCom Communications to construct a Request for Proposal V09-123 and to identify qualified vendors to construct the Metro Interoperability Communications System. This system will allow all public safety agencies in Polk County and some agencies in Dallas and Warren Counties to communicate in an emergency mobile radio environment.

Under a separate roll call and blue letter, Council is being asked to approve Tait Mobile Communications of Houston Texas as the successful vendor to construct the Metro Interoperability Communications System. Upon Council approval to contract with Tait Mobile Communications, City staff will need to negotiate a contract with Tait Mobile Communications and they will require the assistance and additional consulting services from a qualified radio consultant. Because RCC Consultants has been associated with all aspects of this project, it is the desire of staff to contract with RCC again for the second phase of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$85,348

Funding Source: \$3,000,000 Capital Improvement Program BLD 116 CPO34, POL990000, CIP Fiscal Year 2008-2009/20013-2014 Municipal Building Section Improvement 24. \$1,158,868 E-911 Surcharge, GE001, POL040900, Recommended Budget ending Fiscal Year June 30, 2010 page 233.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On April 7, 2008 Roll Call number 08-618 The City Council approved the Chief of Police to negotiate a contract with RCC Consultants Inc. to assist the City in implementing Phase 1 of the Radio

Interoperability Grant with the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Grant. A contract was completed and approved by the Council on May 5, 2008.

RCC Consultants has completed the work for the City as delineated in their phase 1 contract. Part of that contract involved the identification of a qualified Radio Interoperability Communication Company to actually construct the Simulcast radio system (Metro Interoperability Communications System) desired by the City and Polk County. A vendor has been recommended to the Council and should the Council approve of the vendor, a new contract dialogue will need to be initiated. The contract negotiations are planned for the second phase of the project. City staff will need a qualified consultant to assist with constructing the agreement, obtaining FCC licensing, monitoring system construction and advising on operational procedures.

RCC Consultants' close association with this project makes them uniquely informed of the project's progress and what needs to be completed to finalize the system operations. Staff believes it is in the best interest of the City to contract with RCC Consultants for phase 2 of the Metro Interoperability Communications System project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 5, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-795

Action: Approves and accepts submitted services contract with RCC Consultants to assist the City with consulting services to incorporate an interoperability plan associated with the 2005 Federal COPS Interoperability Grant. Moved by Vlassis to adopt, motion carried 6-1 with Councilwomen Hensley being absent.

Date: April 7, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-618

Action: Approved RCC Consultants for consulting services to complete emergency radio interoperability plan associated with the 2005 Federal Community Oriented Policing Services Interoperability Grant. (Council Communication NO. 08-176) moved by Vlassis to adopt, motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Cownie absent.

Date: November 7, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2721

Action: Acceptance of Department of Justice 2005 communications interoperability grant. (Council Communication (05-625), moved by Kiernen to adopt, motion carried 7-0

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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