



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

**Date** November 9, 2009

**Agenda Item No.** 35  
**Roll Call No.** 09-  
**Communication No.** 09-786  
**Submitted by:** Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of  
Police

## **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of and direction of Mayor to sign a service contract with RCC Consultants Incorporated, 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 Council to direct the Mayor to sign a service contract with RCC Consultants for Radio Interoperability Consulting Services to contract for Radio Interoperability Consulting Services during 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.

On October 12, 2009 council approved Tait Mobile Communications of Houston Texas as the successful vendor to construct the Metro Interoperability Communications System. Staff is in the process of negotiating a contract with Tait Mobile Communications and this contract will appear on a future council agenda. 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 Incorporated 2425 Millcreek Ct. Tallahassee, Florida 32308 President Mike Hunter 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 chosen and approved by the Council. The company is Tait Communications of Houston, Texas. 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. A services contract has been created and RCC Consultants have signed this agreement.

The Des Moines Police and Fire Departments in association with the Polk County Sheriff's Office requests the City Council approve the service agreement, direct the Mayor to sign said agreement, and have the City Clerk to attest to his signature.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 12, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1891

Action: Radio consulting services contract with RCC Consultants to complete Phase 2 of Metro Interoperability Communications System, \$85,348. (Council Communication No. 09-709) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 7, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-618

Action: Contract with RCC Consultants Incorporated, (2425 Millcreek Court, Tallahassee, Florida) for consulting services for an emergency radio interoperability plan associated with the 2005 Federal Community Oriented Policing Interoperability Grant. (Council Communication No. 08-176) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: November 7, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2721

Action: Acceptance of Department of Justice 2005 Communications Interoperability Grant for improved voice communications between police, fire and emergency medical services in greater Polk County area. (Council Communication No. 05-625) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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