

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: May 23, 2011
	Agenda Item No. 37 Roll Call No. <u>11-900</u> Communication No. <u>11-322</u> Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Second Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with RCC Consultants Incorporated a Delaware Corporation with headquarter offices at 100 Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 201, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-1125 President Mike Hunter dated November 9, 2009.

SYNOPSIS:

The Metro Interoperability Communications System has been constructed. This system will allow mobile emergency radio communications between all public safety agencies in Polk County regardless of the radio communications system they utilize in their respective jurisdictions. This second amendment is for additional personnel and services to complete the Metro Interoperability Communications System coverage testing and final acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$28,200.00 (federal grant funds)

Funding Source: Recommended CIP, 2011-2016 Miscellaneous Improvements MSC009,POL990000, CPO51, page 14

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines, Iowa was awarded a Federal Justice Assistance Grant to build a Metro Interoperability Communications System within the borders of Polk County. This radio system would allow mobile radio communication between all public safety agencies regardless of their existing radio communications equipment. The planning, design and construction of this system is a joint effort between the City, Polk County, and WestCom. The MIC System is constructed and in the final stages of Acceptance Testing Procedures of the equipment at the four transmitter and receiver sites. The final stage is the Coverage Testing Procedures.

RCC Consultants were selected to assist the City in the planning and supervision of the construction of the new system. RCC was hired after an extensive Request for Proposal process. They have been exceedingly helpful and cooperative with staff in getting this project completed.

On entering the final stages of the testing procedures and actual utilization process, it was determined by city staff, the contractor Tait Communications, and RCC Consultants that the coverage testing should include the voice testing of over 600 land grid tiles, which are 1.4 miles by 1.4 miles square and cover all public safety operational ground in the Polk County area. After determining the amount of time and labor this would entail, it was determined to conduct the testing with additional personnel and equipment to

reduce the time constraints associated with the contract schedule. This would also allow daily functionality utilization before the system is placed into operation with this summer's RAGBRAI, The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 10, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-0043](#)

Action: First Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with RCC Consultants Inc. (Mike Hunter, President) for additional testing of Metro Interoperability Communications System, \$13,924. ([Council Communication No. 11-002](#)) **Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: November 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-2028](#)

Action: Contract with RCC Consultants Incorporated (Mike Hunter, President, Tallahassee, Florida) to serve as the Public Safety Radio Interoperability consultant in completion of Phase 2 of Metro Interoperability Communications System, \$85,348. ([Council Communication No. 09-786](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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