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	Agenda Item No.	29B
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-1429</u>
	Communication No.	<u>12-475</u>
	Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase one hundred seventy two (172) portable radios and related equipment from Racom Communications, 201 West State Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, 50158, President and CEO, Michael Miller.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department is working in conjunction with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office to establish a voice radio system with capabilities of working with surrounding area radio systems. The radios being purchased are an intricate part of the project. These radios would allow thirty (30) police, fire, and emergency management entities, throughout the Polk County area, to communicate with the City of Des Moines Police radio system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$399,255.00

Funding Source: Miscellaneous Improvements sections of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): Voice Radio Interoperability CP051, POL990000, MSC009, found in the Capital Improvement Program 2012-2013 / 2017-2018, page Miscellaneous Improvements – 14.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Voice Radio Interoperability Project or Metropolitan Interoperability Communications System (MICS) began with the City of Des Moines receiving funding from the 2005 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Interoperability grant. The project is nearing completion. This purchase will provide additional equipment necessary to expand the shared radio capabilities to several fire and police departments throughout Polk County. It also will promote and allow shared radio services between the City of Des Moines and the Polk County area.

The MICS Project will establish a system providing radio communication to be shared between the City of Des Moines and the entities within Polk County. This capability will assist first responders with information sharing in regards to emergency services.

Should future funding become available through the City of Des Moines project, we would be allowed to further invest in the MICS Project by purchasing additional radios for the Polk County area from remaining MICS grant funds. This purchase would be allowed under the approval of the procurement department.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 8, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1380](#)

Action: [Tait](#) North America (Steve Craig, President) to furnish replacement radio equipment per WSCA Price Agreement for use by the Police Department, \$59,318.50. ([Council Communication No. 11-532](#)). Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 9, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-807](#)

Action: [Tait](#) North America (Steve Craig, President) for replacement radio equipment per Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) price agreement for use by the Police Department, \$44,664.92. ([Council Communication No. 11-278](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-119](#)

Action: [Contract](#) with Tait Radio Communications (Steve Cragg, President, Houston, TX) for construction of Metro Interoperability Communications System. ([Council Communication No. 10-021](#)). Moved by Coleman to adopt and refer to the City Manager to schedule a workshop to discuss Metro Interoperability Communication Systems. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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