



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Council Session

Item G21

**#2007-288 - Approving State Bid Award for Portable Radios for
Fire Department**

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

Council Agenda Memo

From: Jim Rowell, Fire Chief
Meeting: November 13, 2007
Subject: Replacement of Portable Radios
Item #'s: G-21
Presenter(s): Jim Rowell, Fire Chief

Background

The Grand Island Fire Department has recently experienced battery connection problems with its existing stock of Motorola two-way portable radios. This is a serious problem that could have grave consequences if not remedied expeditiously. The Grand Island Fire Department has worked directly with Motorola, the Motorola representative to the state bid contract, and local Motorola representative Platte Valley Communications to resolve this problem. The proposed solution includes replacement of existing portable radio stock. The proposal includes the following:

63 Motorola GPS XPR 6550 portable radios @ \$567.00 each	\$35,721.00
63 Motorola Speaker Mics (submersible) @ \$57.70 each	\$3635.10
50 Motorola Impress batteries 1500 MAH Li-ion @ \$72.00 each	\$3600.00
Programming software RVN5115 @ \$299.00 each	<u>\$299.00</u>
Total Purchase	\$43,255.10

The purchase should be awarded to Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island, Nebraska, the local representative of State Bid Contract #11182 OC.

Discussion

In light of the battery connection problems with existing Motorola portable radios owned by Grand Island Fire Department, Motorola has made a special concession regarding this purchase. The state bid contract #11182 OC price for the Motorola GPS XPR 6550 is normally \$1,078.25 which is a 5% reduction from list price. For this purchase only, Motorola has offered a 48% reduction in list price. Normally, the radios alone would cost \$67,929.75 if utilizing the existing state bid contract price. The savings offered on the radios alone is over \$32,000. Motorola is offering this special concession until November 30, 2007.

There are other benefits seen by this purchase. The Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Operations Center (GIEC) is in the process of updating their existing communications consoles. These consoles have the ability to track radio signals and pinpoint their location through GPS. The existing GIFD portable radios are not capable of sending this tracking signal. The proposed radios will send the GPS signal and interface with the new GIEC consoles. This tracking will facilitate more efficient deployment of emergency responders to emergency incidents based upon the GPS tracking information.

It is the recommendation of the Grand Island Fire Department that Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island, Nebraska be awarded the bid based upon the existing state bid contract #11182 OC at the reduced price offered directly from Motorola due to existing battery connection issued.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council award the bid to Platte Valley Communications.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of portable radios and equipment from Platte Valley Communications for a price of \$43,255.10.

RESOLUTION 2007-288

WHEREAS, the Fire Department for the City of Grand Island is experiencing severe battery connection problems with its existing stock of Motorola two-way radios; and

WHEREAS, said radios can be replaced by the State contract holder under State Contract #11182 OC; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the radios from the State contract holder meets all statutory bidding requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the purchase of portable radios and equipment in the amount of \$43,255.10 from the State contract holder, Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 13, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk