REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
August 28, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Continued to September 4, 2007

Title: Agreement: Public Safety Radio Infrastructure Improvements for Schools (2/3 Vote Required)

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** (1) suspending formal competitive bidding (requires 2/3 vote), and (2) authorizing the City Manager to execute necessary agreements with ComTech Communications, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $291,996, for outstanding public safety radio infrastructure improvements for area schools.

Contact: Dan Hahn, Captain, 808-0301; Darrell Martin, Acting Lieutenant, 808-0314

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Special Investigations Division

Organization No: 2142

Description/Analysis

Issue: Public safety radios do not function adequately within major high school and middle school buildings in three school districts within the City of Sacramento. For past school radio replacement projects not requiring Council approval, Staff competitively bid 4 schools, and, due to the uniqueness of this project, received only one bidder, ComTech Communications, Inc. (ComTech). As a result, Staff requested ComTech bid on the remaining five schools, and is requesting authority to accept ComTech's non-competitive bid.

Policy Considerations: The recommendation in this report is in accordance with City Code Section 3.56.230(c), which allows for the suspension of competitive bidding by two-thirds vote if it is in the best interests of the City.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt

pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: Public safety radio communications within some school buildings in the City of Sacramento have been identified as poor or nonexistent, thus presenting a safety risk to students, school staff, and public safety responders in the event of a critical incident.

Staff has determined the best way to mitigate this problem is to use in-building radio signal boosters, commonly referred to as bi-directional amplifiers (BDA). By utilizing BDA devices the radio signals outside of school buildings are amplified and can be received and sent by current public safety radios. Since Police, Fire and emergency medical agencies in the Sacramento area all use the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) 800 MHz system, the BDAs will benefit all regional agencies.

Financial Considerations: The total cost of this project is estimated at $693,150, including the completed sites previously competitively bid, the sites still outstanding, maintenance agreements for 5 years, and necessary change orders (to address school building expansions). The remaining schools sites are estimated to cost $291,995. (For a detailed breakdown, see Attachment 1.)

This project will be funded through available grant awards, totaling $1,000,142, within the Police Department's current grant budget. The City Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2006-414 accepting $653,567 from the State Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program to be used for information technology upgrades and improvements to the public safety radio systems. The City Council also adopted Resolution No. 2006-817, accepting $346,575 in funding from the United States Department of Justice COPS Secure Our Schools Grant for improvements to public safety radio coverage in selected school facilities with immediate needs.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): ComTech is an ESBD certified business, and is the only contractor responsive to the bids issued.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Darrell Martin, Acting Lieutenant

Approved by: _____
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

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for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

Ref: COP 8-14

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Attachment 1

Background

Staff developed "design-then-build" specifications for this Project to account for each school site's unique size, shape, building materials, and proximity to radio transmitters. In December 2006, Procurement Services approved, issued, and advertised bids to complete infrastructure updates at the following school site locations within the Sacramento City Unified School District:

COMPLETED SCHOOL SITES*
(COMPETITIVELY BID)

Facility	No of Bidders	Bids Received	Bid Amount
School #1 (& Follow-up)	6 / 2	1	$94,092.42
School #2	3	1	$47,943.30
School #3	3	1	$41,725.14
School #4	2	1	$98,572.90
SUB TOTAL			**$282,333.76**
4-Year Maintenance Option ($1000/site)			$4,000.00
Contingency Funds (Change Orders)			$20,000.00
TOTAL			**$306,333.76**

Originally six companies participated in the pre-bid design walk-throughs; however, the only company to submit bids for the above-listed sites was ComTech Communications Inc. Staff reviewed ComTech's bids, deemed them compliant and reasonable, and chose ComTech as the Project contractor.

ComTech is the only qualified contractor willing to undertake the work for the outstanding school sites. Staff solicited informal bids for the five outstanding school locations using the same "design-then build" specifications as the sites competitively bid. ComTech responded favorably, maintaining unit pricing and framework consistent with the 4 competitive bids. Staff has determined that the above amounts are reasonable. The results of the non-competitive bids for outstanding school site locations are as follows:

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SITES*
(NON-COMPETITIVELY BID)

Facility	Bid Amount
School #5	$47,575.69
School #6	$52,691.58
School #7	$35,397.69
School #8	$47,584.67
School #9	$83,746.04
SUB TOTAL	**$266,995.67**
4-Year Maintenance Option ($1000/site)	$5,000.00
Contingency Funds (Change Orders)	$20,000.00
TOTAL	**$291,995.67**

* School names intentionally omitted for security reasons

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 28, 2007

APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

BACKGROUND

A. Public safety radio communication within some school buildings throughout the City of Sacramento has been identified as poor or nonexistent. Each school is unique, due to the differences in size, shape, building materials, and location to radio transmitter sites, and requires its own specified design to properly mitigate the problem. There are a limited number of qualified contractors in the Sacramento area that are capable of doing this highly specialized work.

B. City Council Resolutions 2006-414 and 2006-817 provide sufficient grant funding to cover the costs of this project.

C. ComTech Communications, Inc. was the only bidder that responded to the City's previous invitation for bids for public safety radio infrastructure improvements for schools. ComTech is the only qualified contractor willing to undertake work at the outstanding school sites.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In the best interest of the City, formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended.

Section 2. The City Manager, or a designated representative, is hereby authorized to execute necessary agreements with ComTech Communications, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $291,996, for public safety radio infrastructure improvements for schools.