



STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 23, 2021
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Carmen Alba, VP, Bus Operations
SUBJ: CONDITIONALLY APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM MOTOROLA UNDER THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO MASTER AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Conditionally approving the recommended action will allow Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) to purchase radio equipment for Police Services, Transit Agents, SOC employees, and Light Rail Operators once funding is identified.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost to purchase these radios is not to exceed \$398,796.75. This expenditure is not included in the approved FY 2021-2022 Budget. Staff is researching funding options. The Capital Budget amendment being considered by the Board at the same meeting includes this project. At the time funding is identified, the contract with Motorola will be executed.

DISCUSSION

The SacRT Board of Directors approved entering into an agreement with the County of Sacramento on October 13, 1993, for the countywide public safety radio system under the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) Licensing Agreement. In October 2020, the Board delegated authority to the General Manager/CEO to enter into a new licensing agreement to extend SacRT's participation for an additional 10 years.

As part of the Licensing Agreement, all SRRCS parties share the annual operating expenses of the shared radio system. Each party to the radio licensing agreement is responsible for maintenance and replacement of unshared system components, such as individual radios, dispatch consoles, and services. Motorola Wireless is the sole and exclusive provider of radio equipment for the SRRCS and SacRT must use Motorola equipment and, specifically, Motorola P25 radio equipment, to use the system. The County has a master contract with Motorola Wireless in place that SacRT can use to purchase equipment at a discount.

The existing radios in use are P25-compatible but are not encryption enabled.

On October 12, 2020, a bulletin from Attorney General Xavier Becerra and the California Department of Justice Information Services was disseminated that defines the allowable access of Personal Identifying Information (PII) and Criminal Justice Information (CJI) accessible to authorized law enforcement personnel through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), which provides criminal histories, driver records, and other databases.

The bulletin specifically defined the allowable “access”: *Only authorized law enforcement, criminal justice personnel or their lawfully-authorized designees may use a CLETS terminal or have access to information derived from CLETS. Any information from CLETS is confidential and for official use only. Access is defined as the ability to hear or view any information provided through CLETS.*

To maintain compliance with the bulletin until encrypted radios are purchased, SacRT Police Services personnel have had to repeatedly break up their radio transmissions when providing and requesting CJI and PII information on unencrypted radio frequencies to allow the frequency to re-scramble, which is a time-consuming process.

Purchasing 85 replacement encrypted radios will allow for secure communication and faster response times.

This procurement will also replace 25 portable radios for Light Rail Operators. These radios are older and have been problematic to keep in operational condition.

This procurement will replace 110 current radios in service. The replaced radios will be evaluated for reuse or disposal through the surplus process.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-08-0100

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1.405.B.1 of the Sacramento Regional Transit District Procurement Ordinance, a sole source procurement is permitted upon a determination that the services only available from the manufacturer and a finding that it would be futile to seek competition; and

WHEREAS, SacRT has participated in the County of Sacramento regional radio system since 1993 to ensure effective communications in emergency situations and the regional radio system uses proprietary equipment manufactured by Motorola; and

WHEREAS, SacRT has a need for additional radio equipment to ensure compliance with state encryption requirements for personal data transmitted for law enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, a portion of SacRT's existing radio equipment is aging and is not cost-effective to continue repairing.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, pursuant to Section 1.405.B.1 of SacRT Procurement Ordinance, sole source procurement is authorized because only one equipment manufacturer can provide a product that is compatible with SacRT's existing radio system.

THAT, the Contract with Motorola Wireless, Inc. for the purchase of 110 mobile radios, plus miscellaneous hardware and programming services, using County of Sacramento Open Item Contract Number WA00034181, for the amount not to exceed \$398,796.75, plus applicable state and local sales tax, is hereby approved, conditioned on identification of funding for the Contract.

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to execute the foregoing Contract.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary