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SUBJECT: MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. - PURCHASE OF WAVE COMMUNICATIONS SOFTWARE, APX SERIES RADIOS, KVL 5000 KEY VARIABLE LOADER FOR APX SERIES RADIOS, P25 FLASH UPGRADES/FLASH KITS, ALL OPTIONS, SOFTWARE FEATURES, AND ASSOCIATED ACCESSORIES - COUNTYWIDE

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Motorola Solutions, Inc. as sole source for the purchase of WAVE Communications Software, APX series radios, KVL 5000 key variable loader for APX series radios, P25 Flash Upgrades/Flash Kits, all options, software features, and associated accessories.

BACKGROUND

Motorola Solutions, Inc. provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate the fact that they are the sole source for the purchase of WAVE Communications Software, APX series radios, including the KVL 5000 key variable loader for APX series radios, P25 flash upgrades/flash kits, all options, software features, and associated accessories. Tarrant County uses specific features with its radios such as over the air programming, over the air reaching, encryption, and programming that is specific to the APX radios sold by Motorola. This documentation states that Tarrant County can purchase the items only direct from Motorola and that Motorola is Tarrant County's sole source supplier for these products for manufacturing and purchasing.

The Tarrant County land mobile radio (LMR) system is a unified, public radio system from dispatch to subscribers. This makes both operations and maintenance efficient and compatible as interoperability is consistent across the entire ecosystem. The ecosystem consists of 111 local agencies. Motorola provides seamless solutions for mission-critical radio communications. WAVE Work Communications Software is a communications interoperability and broadband push-to-talk (PTT) solution that delivers real-time voice and data securely over any network using any device. From two-way radios to smartphones, laptops to landlines, tablets to rugged handhelds, users can use the devices they already have and the networks they already subscribe to and PTT with other teams and individuals both inside and outside of their communication system. Tarrant County leverages this technology to provide public safety communications to users via smartphone when they are outside the coverage area of the LMR radio system. WAVE Communications Software is also used daily to provide a reliable communications path for judicial dispatch operations via desktop computers.

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This purchase supports the County's radio refresh project. The County is incrementally replacing public safety radios that are no longer supported by the manufacturer and are approximately ten (10) years in age.

Under the County Purchasing Act, exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. The statutes require that the Purchasing Agent advise the Commissioners Court of the existence of only one (1) source, with such notice to be entered into the minutes of the Court.

Accordingly, the above item has been determined to be sole source under the County Purchasing Act 262.024(a)(7) as follows:

- “(7) an item can be obtained from only one (1) source, including:
- (A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;
 - (D) captive replacement parts or components for equipment.”

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$877,415.43 is available in account 45400-2025 Capital Replacement/1810201000 Network Operation Communication/540000 Capital Outlay.