

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Ways & Means  
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**Referral:** N/A  
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**Subcategory:** Contracts & Agreements

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**Subject:**

Amend the Joint Powers Agreement with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (Contract C-27067) and enter into other agreements as needed with State of Minnesota agencies to purchase the 7.19 repeater equipment and additional services required through the State SUA 2 Plus agreement for the Statewide Radio System.

**Description:**

Authorizing an increase in yearly costs for the next 5 years, to take advantage of long-term savings, to our agreement with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board and enter into new contracts directly with other State of Minnesota agencies to provide access and payment for required hardware and software purchases to upgrade portions of the state-wide interoperable 800 MHz radio system (7.19 repeater hardware and SUA2 software).

**Previous Actions:**

Feb. 10, 2012- Council approves extending the Joint Powers Agreement through Dec. 31, 2016.

Dec. 14, 2009- City enters into a Sub-Grant Agreement with Metropolitan Emergency Services for acquisition of interoperable radio communications equipment.

Jan. 18, 2008- Council approves renewal of Joint Powers Agreement and extends through 2012.

Apr. 29, 2005- Council approves entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with Metropolitan Emergency Services Board and surrounding counties.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

Beginning in 2001, the City of Minneapolis has partnered with the State of Minnesota and other local government agencies to create and implement a state-wide, interoperable, 800 MHz radio communications system (referred to as ARMER) to meet the daily needs of public safety and emergency response.

The State Emergency Communication Board (SECB) conducted a strategic planning session last fall and it was determined that the statewide radio system is a substantial investment that for the foreseeable future should be kept up to date and upgraded on a regular basis. A large scale

system replacement has been planned for in the City's capital budgeting process. The project has begun and will be implemented in phases.

Recently Motorola has offered to the SECB a purchasing proposal that substantially reduces the cost of selected purchases for the state and the local entities. This proposal will save the City approximately \$340,000. The purchasing agreement with Motorola would be managed on a cooperative basis.

The SECB is requesting a response from each local agency affected no later than November 15, 2015 to identify if the local agency (the City) agrees with the additional costs per year for next 5 years and supports a "SUA 2 Plus" contract with Motorola and the reduced 7.19 upgrade replacement equipment costs.

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**

**Future budget impact anticipated.**

Increased yearly costs over next five (5) years will result in a reduction to overall project cost. A technical adjustment will be made to the 06200 Fund to increase the operating budget (appropriation) of Property Services to cover the expense. Cost allocations for radio system users will be adjusted beginning in 2017 to reimburse the fund.

**Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**

Commodity Contracts do not require PRC Approval

**Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**

Commodity Contracts do not have SUBP goals