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Director

September 14, 2010

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
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SUBJECT: Award of Contract to CSI Telecommunications, Inc.
Implement Communications Public Safety Grant

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize your President to award contract in the amount of \$59,830 to CSI Telecommunications, Inc. for radio frequency communication and frequency engineering services.

SUMMARY: The County accepted a \$130,000 grant through the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP), with the City and County of San Francisco acting as the fiscal agent. Funding for this grant is provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security. Funding was granted to support the County's ongoing planning for enhanced interoperability capabilities with all twenty-five public safety and public service agencies in Marin County and all ten Bay Area counties, including federal and state agencies.

Interoperability generally refers to the ability of separate radio communications systems to "talk" to each other. Improved interoperability would provide a vital tool for emergency responders and public agencies in implementing a coordinated, swift and effective response to issues of public safety or catastrophic events despite differences in communications platforms.

The grant funds will be used to: 1) update and reformat the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) for all public safety agencies within the county and begin participation in the Communications Assets Mapping (CASM) planning; 2) modify County frequency licenses to conform to narrow-band mandate; 3) conduct North Bay mutual aid planning; 4) conduct frequency plan evaluation.

The Department issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit a communications and frequency engineering consultant. The RFQ was

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advertised in the Independent Journal, posted on the County's website and sent to the following four companies:

- Williams USA LLC – Santa Rosa, CA
- CDX Wireless, Inc. – Pleasanton, CA
- CSI Telecommunications, Inc. – San Francisco, CA
- Hatfield and Dawson – Seattle, WA

CSI Telecommunications, Inc. was the only respondent and staff negotiated a fee of \$59,830 to complete the required communication frequency services specified in Exhibit "A" of the attached contract.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no additional net cost to the County general fund from this contract. Funds are available in the current year General Fund 10000, Radio IECGP08 fund Center 4100995045, Professional Services Commitment item # 5210110.

REVIEWED BY:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (X) Department of Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> () N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> () County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (X) N/A
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Respectfully submitted,



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Communications Services Manager

Enclosure

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