



City of Rialto

Legislation Text

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For City Council Meeting [June 12, 2018]

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

APPROVAL: Robb R. Steel, Interim City Administrator

FROM: Sean Grayson, Fire Chief

Request City Council to Issue a Purchase Order, in the amount of \$40,978.98 to CONFIRE J.P.A. (Joint Powers Authority) for Mobile Data Computers Tablets and Accessories.

BACKGROUND:

The Rialto Fire Department uses Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) as essential components of emergency response apparatus. MDCs provide incident information, routing, and allow for real-time communication of sensitive information between dispatchers and emergency response crews.

All of the Fire Department's 21 front line MDCs are at or past their end-of-life based on serviceability and age. This action represents the final year of a three-year replacement plan for Fire Department MDCs.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The City of Rialto is a member agency of the CONFIRE J.P.A. which provides dispatch and technology services to the Rialto Fire Department. The MDC replacements used by the Rialto Fire Department are part of a standardized regional technology platform that affords interoperability in communications for all adjoining fire agencies to Rialto. CONFIRE conducted competitively bid purchasing processes for the requested items. More significantly CONFIRE will provide maintenance and support for the requested items under the existing JPA agreement which eliminates the need for City provided or contracted maintenance and support of all MDC infrastructure.

This action will replace all (21) of the Fire Department MDCs. CONFIRE will coordinate activation and installation services and will provide subsequent maintenance and support.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The proposed action does not meet the definition of a project as defined by Section 15378 California Environmental Act (CEQA). A "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and excludes the following:

- 1) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making
- 2) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

Our City government will lead by example, and will operate in an open, transparent and responsive manner that meets the needs of the citizens and is a good place to do business. This action is also consistent with the following policy:

- 5-3.1: Provide for fire personnel, equipment and fire stations to have adequate and appropriate resources to meet the needs and serve all areas of Rialto.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved this staff report

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Budget Impact

The total cost of the MDC Tablets and accessories is \$40,978.98. The amount is a budgeted expenditure and available in General Fund Account number 010-500-5174-3030.

Capital Improvement Budget Impact

This expenditure is from capital funds and complete a three-year replacement plan for Fire Department MDCs.

Licensing

A business license is not required for this vendor. The City of Rialto is a member agency of the CONFIRE J.P.A. government entity which is formed as a joint powers authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Purchase Order to CONFIRE J.P.A. in the amount of \$40,978.98 for Mobile Data Computers Tablets and Accessories