

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Sheriff Anthony Hernandez (by Larry Southwick, Project Manager)

DATE: August 9, 2010

RE: Approve Resolution to Reject Proposal by Day Wireless and Authorize Request for Proposals for JEFFCOM 9-1-1 Simulcast Radio System Improvements Version 2

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: The final stage of the JeffCom Radio System Improvement Project is to procure and install a simulcast radio system. The selection process for the contractor will be under the provisions of Chapter 39.04.270 RCW which provides the authority for a 'request for proposals' and selection of a qualified contractor that is not exclusively based on the cost.

Proposals were opened for the Project at the July 6 Board of Commissioners meeting. Only one proposal was received and the cost greatly exceeded the available budget for this portion of the project. The JeffCom Administrative Board rejected the single proposal at their meeting on July 22. Consultants have conferred with several other professional sources and revised the Request for Proposals, now labeled Version 2.

The revised Request for Proposals, JeffCom 911 Procurement and Installation of VHF and UHF Simulcast Radio System Improvements Version 2 will be sent to The Leader, official publication, for advertisement on August 11 and 18 with opening of proposals at the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 9:30 am on September 7, 2010. After opening, the Proposals will be evaluated by a team of County staff and project consultants. The team will select the best proposals and conduct interviews before making a recommendation to the JeffCom Administrative Board for award of contract. The final contract will be prepared and presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and execution. The complete Request for Proposals with an engineer's cost estimate has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

ANALYSIS: JEFFCOM 9-1-1 intends to utilize RCW 39.04.270 procedures which state that:

(2) A municipality may acquire electronic data processing or telecommunications equipment, software, or services through competitive negotiation rather than through competitive bidding.

(3) "Competitive negotiation," for purposes of this section, shall include, as a minimum, the following requirements:

(a) A request for proposal shall be prepared and submitted to an adequate number of qualified sources, as determined by the municipality in its discretion, to permit reasonable competition consistent with the requirements of the procurement. Notice of the request for the proposal must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least thirteen days before the last date upon which proposals will be received. The request for proposal shall identify significant

evaluation factors, including price, and their relative importance.

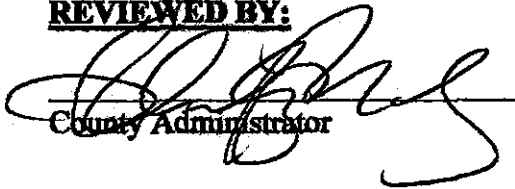
(b) The municipality shall provide reasonable procedures for technical evaluation of the proposals received, identification of qualified sources, and selection for awarding the contract.

(c) The award shall be made to the qualified bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the municipality with price and other factors considered. The municipality may reject any and all proposals for good cause and request new proposals.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds will be provided by the JeffCom Enhancement Fund 121 which was funded by a 2007 bond issue. Cost to publish the Request for Proposals will be determined by The Leader based on their rates and the size of the advertisement but it will be several hundred dollars.

RECOMMENDATION: Move to approve attached Resolution No. _____ which rejects the Day Wireless Proposal dated July 2, 2010 and authorizes JeffCom to advertise the Request for Proposals, Version 2 as attached.

REVIEWED BY:


County Administrator

8/4/10

Date

IN THE MATTER OF REJECTING A)
PROPOSAL BY DAY WIRELESS DATED))
JULY 2, 2010 AND AUTHORIZING)
JEFFCOM TO RE-ISSUE A REQUEST)
FOR PROPOSALS, FOR PROCUREMENT))
AND INSTALLATION OF VHF AND UHF))
SIMULCAST RADIO SYSTEM)
IMPROVEMENTS VERSION 2)

Resolution # _____

WHEREAS, a 2007 bond issue has been provided to fund JeffCom 911 Radio System Improvements; and

WHEREAS, on June 16 and 23, 2010, JeffCom advertised a Request for Proposals for Procurement and Installation of VHF and UHF Simulcast Radio System Improvements in the Port Townsend/Jefferson County Leader; and

WHEREAS, proposals were opened at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on July 6, 2010 and only one proposal from Day Wireless was received at that time; and

WHEREAS, JeffCom staff and consultants have negotiated with Day Wireless to potentially reduce the cost of the proposed work, Day Wireless replied with a lower proposed cost, but the proposed cost still greatly exceeds the available budget; and

WHEREAS, the JeffCom Administrative Board rejected the Day Wireless Proposal at its meeting on July 22, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Commission as follows:

That in accordance with state law and in furtherance of the JeffCom 911 Radio System Improvements, the proposal by Day Wireless dated July 2, 2010 is hereby rejected and JeffCom is authorized to re-issue a request for proposals that modifies the previous request in order to achieve more cost effective proposals.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2010

SEAL:

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David W. Sullivan, Chair

Phil Johnson, Member

John Austin, Member

ATTEST:

Approved as to form only this _____
day of _____, 2010

Lorna L. Delaney, Clerk of the Board

JEFFCOM 9-1-1 Attorney