

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

08-0588R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO CONTRACT WITH POLYPHASE ELECTRIC COMPANY, DBA MESABA ELECTRICAL GROUP, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A CITYWIDE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$494,586.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city officials are hereby authorized to contract with Polyphase Electric Company, dba Mesaba Electrical Group, for the purchase, delivery and installation of a city-wide early warning siren system in the accordance with city specifications and the vendor's low bid of \$464,400, plus \$30,186 sales tax for a total amount of \$494,586, net 30, payable as follows:

(a) \$370,939.50 from Special Projects Fund 210, Agency 030, Organization 3163, Object 5580 (75 percent);

(b) \$123,646.50 from Capital Improvements Fund 450, Agency 030, Object 5580, Project CP2007-OT0704 (25 percent).

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Director, Public Works & Utilities
Purchasing Agent ____

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes a contract with Polyphase Electric Company, dba Mesaba Electrical Group, for the purchase and installation of a city-wide early warning siren system in the amount of \$494,586, including sales tax and payable from the special projects and capital improvement funds. This purchase includes installation, training and warranties.

History:

(a) The city posted a request for bids on the city's website May 8, 2008. The purchasing division received four bids by the June 12 closing date. The siren selection committee, consisting of qualified representatives from various city departments, met July 9 to review bids. They determined that Federal Warning Systems was the best bid.

(b) American Signal later protested the award. After reviewing the process, the city attorney's office advised city purchasing to rebid the project.

(c) The city posted a rebid notice on the city's website August 13, 2008. The purchasing division received four bids by the closing date of September 4, 2008, three of which were eligible for consideration. Polyphase Electric Company had the lowest bid of those meeting specifications.

City-Wide Early Warning Siren System REBID No. 08-04DS2 (08-0529) Requisition No. 08-0529 Opened September 4, 2008		
Vendor	City/State	Base Bid
Polyphase Electric Company dba Mesaba Electrical Group	Duluth, MN	\$464,400.00
Federal Signal Corporation Federal Warning Systems	University Park, IL	\$505,871.00
Accoustic Technology, Inc. (ATI)	East Boston, MA	\$682,553.50
American Signal Corporation	Milwaukee, WI	Did not conform to specs