

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

12-0226R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JDR TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, A RECOMMENDED SOLE SOURCE AND SPECIALIZED VENDOR, FOR EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION WORK MOUNTING UPGRADES AT THE ORPHANAGE WATER TOWER (WOODLAND) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,904.33.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with JDR Technologies, LLC, recommended as a specialized vendor by public works & utilities-contracted consulting firm Ulteig Engineers, Inc., and the Duluth fire department in the attached Public Document No. _____ on file in the office of the city clerk, for emergency radio communications work mounting upgrades at the Orphanage water tower (Woodland) in accordance with city approved specifications and the vendor's quote dated April 6, 2012, for \$29,852.00 plus \$2,052.33 sales tax, for a total combined amount of \$31,904.33, payable from Capital Equipment Fund 250, Dept./Agency 015 (Administrative Services), Division 2012 (Fiscal Year 2012), Object 5580 (Capital Equipment), Project No. CE250-E1211.

Approved:



Department Director

Purchasing Agent 

Approved as to form:



Attorney

Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

Approved:



Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes a contract with JDR Technologies, LLC, for installing, welding and painting at the Orphanage water tower (Woodland) in conjunction with specialized emergency radio work mounting upgrades for \$31,904.33, payable from the capital equipment fund.

The vendor comes to the city as a recommended sole-source due to the emergency and unique nature of the work involved. Further information can be found in the attached email document from the Duluth fire administration.

The upgrades are required for the ARMER 800 mghz radio communication system. ARMER, an acronym for Minnesota's statewide radio system, stands for Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response.

JDR Technologies, LLC, is located in Belvidere, Illinois.

Requisition No. 12-0296

John Strongitharm - Tower Upgrade REQ

From: John Strongitharm
To: Sears, Dennis
Date: 4/16/2012 3:44 PM
Subject: Tower Upgrade REQ
CC: Bushey, Bryan

Dennis,

I request we use JDR Technologies for the work to be done on the Orphanage Water Tower radio communication mounting upgrades. I request this because JDR Technologies has a working relationship with an engineering firm that Public Utilities uses for work on their tower. The engineers recommend JDR do the work based on past performance and availability.

As important, we are quickly approaching a deadline to have this work done. We do not have the time to bid out this work and get the work done prior to the grant deadline for getting the equipment installed. This should be considered an emergency purchase. In checking with the County, the cost of the work is reasonable. JDR Technologies will provide the necessary insurance documents once notified they will be doing the work.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

John Strongitharm



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