RESOLUTION 2024-11-609

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, FINDING THAT THE MOBILE COMMUNICATION SERVICE NEEDED FOR CITY OPERATIONS IS CLEARLY AND LEGITIMATELY LIMITED TO A SINGLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND FURTHER FINDING THAT PURSUANT TO RCW 39.04.280 THAT THE CITY NEED NOT COMPLY WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING STATUTE FOR SUCH PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the City provides mobile devices for Police, Public Works and Management staff; and

WHEREAS, consistent and reliable mobile communication services are a priority for all city staff; and

WHEREAS, FirstNet Communications offers the only first responder network in the State of Washington that is guaranteed to function even during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the city has approved in their 2024 budget funding for city cell phones and mobile internet devices (jetpacks); and

WHEREAS, city staff has done their due diligence to confirm that FirstNet Communications is the sole source provider of necessary emergency first communication services in our region; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280(1)(a) allows agencies to waive competitive bidding if a purchase is clearly and legitimately limited to a single supplier. These situations often arise when an agency has specific technological requirements. Examples include:

- Licensed, copyrighted, or patented products or services that only one vendor provides
- New equipment or products that must be compatible with existing equipment or products
- Proprietary or custom-built software or information systems that only one vendor provides
- Products or services where only one vendor meets the required certifications or statutory requirements.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to proceed with the acquisition of such service from the sole vendor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of White Salmon as follows:

1. The Council hereby declares that there is a single source of supply for the mobile communication services needed for City operations.

- 2. The Council further declares that compliance with the competitive bidding statute would result in only one vendor submitting a bid which meets the technical requirement needs of the City, to ensure public health and safety.
- 3. The City of White Salmon is hereby authorized to acquire the mobile communication service by direct negotiation with FirstNet Communication Services.
- 4. The above-described circumstances are justification for the waiver of bidding requirements under the authority of RCW 39.04.280(1)(a).
- 5. Pursuant to White Salmon Procurement Policy XVII and RCW 39.04.280(1)(a), the bidding requirement is hereby waived for the contracting of communication services and herein is considered by the City Council as a sole source purchase.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington. Dated this 6th day of November, 2024.

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Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer