



RESOLUTION NO. 2015-058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM U.S. DIGITAL DESIGNS THROUGH THE CITY'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (A/K/A BUYBOARD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as the North Texas Emergency Communications Center ("NTECC") moves closer to operational status, the police and fire departments have continued to look for ways to use the new communications center to enhance communications and response times within and among the four owner cities; and

WHEREAS, NTECC has determined, in conjunction with the administration of the four fire departments to be initially served by NTECC, to purchase and install a fire station alerting system ("FSA") which will enhance NTECC's computer-aided dispatching system and allow fire stations to be alerted and dispatched to emergency calls more quickly; and

WHEREAS, City staff, in conjunction with NTECC staff and the staffs of the other NTECC-owner cities, prepared specifications and requested a quotation from various FSA vendors; and

WHEREAS, having evaluated the quotations received and observing the operation of the various systems at presently installed locations, the Fire Administrations of the NTECC owner cities recommended to the NTECC Board of Directors that a FSA manufactured by U.S. Digital Designs be purchased and installed by NTECC and each of the NTECC owner cities; and

WHEREAS, the NTECC board has concurred in the above recommendation and, subject to like action by the four NTECC owner cities, authorized negotiation and execution of an agreement to purchase the central backbone component provided the cities purchase and install the received end of the FSA system at their respective fire stations; and

WHEREAS, City Administration recommends that the FSA system from U.S. Digital Designs be purchased and installed for the Farmers Branch Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the FSA from U.S. Digital Designs which complies with the City's specifications can be purchased through the City's cooperative purchasing agreement with the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative ("Buy Board"); and

WHEREAS, City Administration recommends the above-described purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, finds it to be in the public interest to concur in such recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the City such agreements as reasonable and necessary to purchase, install, and maintain a fire station alerting system from U.S. Digital Designs through the City's cooperative purchasing agreement with Buy Board in the amount of \$110,345.21, and to execute such additional change orders related to such project as the City Manager determines to be reasonable and necessary, subject to applicable city policies and state law and, in the case of any increase in contract price, the availability of current funds for such expenses.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Kelly, City Secretary

Bob Phelps, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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