

Public Service Commission of West Virginia

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West Virginia Purchasing Division
Jessica S. Chambers
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Re: EMERGENCY PURCHASE

Ms. Chambers:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is requesting permission to proceed with an **Emergency Purchase** of dual band radios. The PSC has grant funds expiring September 30, 2019 and this grant money is to be used for this safety equipment. Time is of the utmost importance to procure these items. If the PSC encounters any delays in awarding a traditional contract it would cause the PSC to lose grant funding of \$88,000. Our Enforcement Officers use these radios to communicate with other public safety agencies in order to ensure WV highways remain safe for the public, that PSC officers are safe on the roads by being able to communicate with State Police and other safety agencies, and for officers to respond to any other roadway emergency issue, etc.

Motorola provides the required equipment and has agreed to charge the PSC the same rates as provided on the current WV State Police dual band radio contract. We will not be spending more than \$88,000.

Further justification:

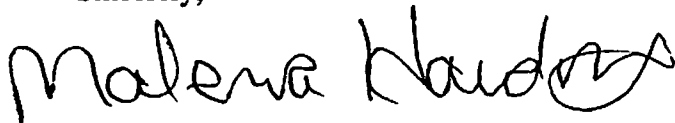
1. The radios we are required to have must meet the standards and requirements of the WV Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN). The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) is responsible for system integrity and proper operation of Homeland Security's SIRN. The SIEC tests and maintains a list of radios approved for operation on the SIRN. The SEIC will update the list when new radios are added or reevaluated. Radios not listed as "Approved Equipment" will not be activated on the network. These Motorola devices already meet the SIEC standards.
2. Another potential cost borne by the PSC is that of testing and approving radios because of the existence of different options available from various manufacturers. Using these

Motorola devices will ensure the radio is properly configured for operation on the SIRN and will alleviate this redundant expense and time if the SIEC must rest the devices before a traditional contract award.

3. Our staff is already certified on Motorola devices. Recertifying staff on a different brand of equipment is not cost effective and would be time consuming.

In summary, PSC staff must purchase radios for our Enforcement Officers. Staff received an email from the SIRN network representative advising us of the specific type of radio equipment we are required to have in order to be compliant with the SIRN network. We are requesting permission to make an emergency purchase of this necessary equipment. These Motorola devices meet the requirements of the SIRN network and the contract. We will be adding these items to our existing inventory and as stated our staff is already certified on these types of Motorola devices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malena Harding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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