



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

November 24, 2009

SUBJECT: NETCO Arlington Inter-Local Agreement

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Brown, Police Chief

REFERENCE NO:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an inter-local agreement between the NETCO cities and the City of Arlington to contract with the law firm of Holland & Knight to assist in the acquisition of funding for the development and deployment of a replacement radio system.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Continue to operate as we currently do.

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

The Northeast Tarrant County Radio Consortium (NETCO) is made up of the Cities of Bedford, Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, Keller, and Southlake. NETCO operates a three site 800 MHz trunked radio system. The City of Arlington operates a two site 800 MHz trunked radio system. Both systems are nearing the end of their life cycle. The NETCO members and City of Arlington believe it is in our best interest to construct a single radio system to service all these cities. This partnership will improve our interoperability and increase our chances of acquiring state and federal funding assistance in the form of grants and appropriations. Grants and appropriations are a competitive and political process. Therefore, we seek to hire the services of Holland & Knight, a Washington D.C. law firm experienced in this area with a proven track record of success, to assist us with the acquisition of funds to develop and deploy our replacement radio system. We seek authorization for the City Manager to execute the inter-local agreement described above for that purpose.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue Sources: General Fund
Expenditure Accounts: 101.9060.590.74-99
Project Code: PD1001
Budgeted Fiscal Year(s): FY10
Estimated Expenditure: \$13,715
Over/Under Projection By: \$0
Other Comments:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Inter-Local Agreement

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office