



## Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement

### I. Program Description and Current Operations

Date: January 2, 2018

Service or Goods to be Purchased: Spare parts for DaneCom Radio System

Estimated Expenditure Amount: \$120,375.73

Vendor Name: General Communications

Department: Public Safety Communications

Department Contact Person: Rich McVicar

Department Program: DaneCom

Requisition Number: 2572

### II. Chapter 25 of Dane County Ordinance codifies the County's purchasing and contracting process. Included in this chapter, 25.11(20) allows for exceptions to the competitive bidding process for a variety of reasons.

Below is a list of exceptions specified in the ordinance. Choose the one most appropriate to your request.

Emergency procurement

Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements

When unique and specific technical qualifications are required

When special adaptation for a special purpose is required

When a unique or opportune buying condition exists

### III. State your rationale for request for waiver. Please be specific.

The spare parts list includes assemblies, modules and cards that perform functions including tower lighting, transmitter synchronizing, inter-site communications links and alarm monitoring needed to keep the DaneCom radio system operating at all times. The Department intends to purchase a list of spare parts from General Communications.

The County's maintenance agreement with Harris Corporation provides for on-site response, troubleshooting and repair – as well as removal and repair coordination for items that need out-of-state repair by the manufacturer. The spare parts would be stored at tower sites where they're likely to be needed, or at a central shop from which the technicians operate – and in either case tracked by the County and inventoried semi-annually. Their local availability will allow the radio system to continue operation while any needed repairs are made. The County purchased a package of spare parts with the original contract, and the expansion of the system adding new sites has introduced in many cases used newer components that require corresponding items added to the spares kit.

Harris Corporation subcontracts with General Communications for the local maintenance activities. General Communications has performed the installation, updated as-built documentation and verified required hardware, software and firmware release compatibility, making them uniquely and singularly qualified to deliver and maintain these items. Funding would be from CPPUBSAF 51861, Radio System Replacement.