



## Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement

I. Program Description and Current Operations

Date: 26 March 2015

Service or Goods to be Purchased: Radio paging system coverage enhancements

Estimated Expenditure Amount: \$80,000

Vendor Name: General Communications

Department: Public Safety Communications

Name of Contact Person: Rich McVicar

Name of Program: DaneCom

Requisition Number: 1134

- 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.

DaneCom interoperable radio system Agreement 10607 with Harris Corporation, resulting from RFP 110100, included a radio paging subsystem. Harris subcontracted with General Communications for the design and installation of the paging subsystem. The subsystem passed required coverage tests, yet users asked for improved coverage.

In order to improve the coverage of the system, General Communications needs to design, install, optimize and test the simulcast VHF base station transmitter, antennas, antenna lines and connectors, GPS timing equipment, T-1 transceivers. This will provide for immediate fire and EMS paging coverage improvements. FCC licensing is also included in this cost.

Harris Corporation and General Communications will later leverage this additional work and to improve other portions of the overall system under an amendment to the Harris agreement, but this project brings timely improvement for responders by working directly with General Communications. The cost of this project is \$80,000 and it will be paid from CPPUBSAF 58161 account.