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Steve DeCecco
Chairman

Public Safety Communications Commission

Executive Committee Meeting December 6, 2006

Members present: Steve DeCecco – Phone, Jerry Kennedy – Phone, Earl Atwood.
Others Present: Tim Hibbard – WyDOT, Robert Wilson – WyDOT, Tom Mahon – WyoLink,
Robert Symons – PSCC Administrative Support, Kevin Hibbard joined the meeting at 9:15
am.

Chairman DeCecco called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Discussion on Motorola proposal for WyoLink Phase 4 construction.

Tom Mahon provided an oversight on the proposal by Motorola to accelerate the construction of Phase 4 of the WyoLink project. Phase 4 includes the Big Horn Basin (Park, Big Horn, Washakie, Fremont and Hot Springs Counties) and the far western part of Wyoming – Sublette, Lincoln and Teton counties. The original option is to have WyDOT provide the construction of the radio sites and install the microwave

There are common risks for either approach. Site acquisitions issues are common to either approach. There are variables that will be addressed with change-orders if they become risks – non-normal soils which will increase tower foundation requirements, road construction to radio sites, and removal of existing towers before new towers are constructed.

The proposal has Motorola supplying and managing the radio site development with buildings, towers, and utility installation. Motorola would install the microwave equipment procured by WyDOT from existing contracts and install the WyoLink equipment based upon their existing contract. The Motorola proposal for this change order is \$7,453,402. With this proposal the Phase 4 sites would be constructed in 2007. Motorola utilized competitive bidding in formulating its proposal and selecting sub-contractors that would be capable of meeting the proposed timeline and accepts the risks associated with the construction of the sites. This aggressive schedule mandates the fielding of multiple crews working simultaneously and Motorola would manage this with a full time project manager and construction supervisor.

Tim Hibbard stated he does not feel comfortable about making the decision on accepting the proposal without the guidance of the PSCC. Tim stated he would make a recommendation to the PSCC and let them help guide the decision.

Discussion on the proposal. The proposal from Motorola has a date of December 9, 2006 for acceptance due to the 30 days from the date of the offer. Tom Mahon felt that Motorola would extend the deadline to after the December 12th PSCC meeting. Steve wants the full PSCC to review the proposal and does not feel comfortable about the Executive Committee making the decision.

The \$2,000,000 credit, listed in the memo from Tom Mahon, is from the original Motorola Contract that stated when the subscriber radio sales exceeded \$14.8 million, Motorola would issue the line of credit. The Motorola contract allocation for microwave assistance was added to the original contract for having Motorola help with the installation of the microwave upgrade.

The completion date between having WyDOT construct the sites and Motorola construct the sites is one year – end of 2007 by Motorola and end of 2008 by WyDOT. Due to the extended time for WyDOT to complete the construction and having a contract with Motorola for a completion in 2007, the change order to extend the contract for the one year would be \$1,015,550. Tim Hibbard noted a concern with the current shortage of qualified technical staff, 30% vacancy in WyDOT Telecom at the present time. The loss of more employees could impact the construction even more. The recruitment and retention of employees is a challenge. The WyDOT Telecom has dedicated employees that are capable of completing the work, but the shortage could affect the time schedule. The Legislative Compensation Committee has been given a document on the current employment status within WyDOT. That document will be made available to the PSCC for helping in the decision making process. Robert Wilson will provide the document to Earl Atwood for inclusion in a packet for the PSCC at their December 12th meeting.

Tim Hibbard will make a recommendation to the PSCC on the WyoLink Phase 4 construction and ask for the PSCC direction on the costs and schedule. It is in the best interest to have a concurrence between WyDOT and the PSCC on the decision.

Discussion on the funding alternatives for the Motorola proposal. The funding for the Motorola proposal would be from the Motorola credit, the contract allocation for microwave assistance, the WyDOT funds for site construction and \$859,499.00 in project funds. There are currently funds in the present WyoLink budget to cover the \$859,499 and there would not be a need to ask the legislature for the funds. There are a lot of risks that will be absorbed by Motorola that are included in their proposal that would be reduced from the WyDOT risks. Jerry Kennedy stated some concerns from the County Commissioners meeting pertaining to the construction and timing of the WyoLink project.

There are challenges that the PSCC will realize with the completion of the WyoLink project and the accelerated schedule. Those challenges include the training to master trainers, users, and completion of the policies and procedures.

Tim Hibbard left the meeting at 9:20 am. Discussion on where the \$859,499 project funds will come from. There is a \$250,000 direct appropriation from the Federal Government that Kevin Hibbard will check on. Bob Symons will send the PSCC Commissioners Tom Mahon's memo on the cost and schedule options for project completion and revise the agenda to reflect the discussion on the Motorola proposal during the New Business.

Tom Mahon's December 5, 2006 memo on the "Costs and Schedule Options for Project Completion" is attached for reference.

Robert Wilson left the meeting at 9:25 am.

WyoLink – Dispatch Center Connectivity Grants

Kevin Hibbard – WyDOT has asked the Wyoming Treasures office to transfer the \$35 million general fund appropriation to WyDOT. The State Treasure’s office will start transferring \$4 million per quarter to WyDOT for the WyoLink project. Kevin stated all the instruments are in place to start allocating the dispatch center grants.

Bob Symons presented the Executive Committee with eleven grants from dispatch centers. Bob has reviewed all of the grants and each was asking for more than the \$150,000 that has been determined as the threshold for the first round of grants. All of the grants are to bring the dispatch centers up to smart zone or better capabilities and three of the dispatch centers are asking to upgrade to the new Motorola MCC 7500 consoles. Bob’s recommendation was to award each of the applicants \$150,000. There is \$6,450,000 available for the grants. The grant award for these 11 grant requests would be \$1,650,000.

Jerry Kennedy made a motion to award \$150,000 to the eleven (11) applicants – Powell Police Department, Laramie County Combined Communications Center, Green River Police Department, Laramie Police Department, City of Gillette Police Department, Niobrara County Sheriff, Douglas Police Department, Washakie County Sheriff’s Office, Teton County Sheriff’s Office, Converse County Sheriff’s Office and WyDOT Patrol Dispatch. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the \$150,000 for each of the eleven (11) grants.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons
PSCC Administrative Support