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4 (ITEM *) Request authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between
5 Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division
6 and Waukesha County Department of Emergency Preparedness/Radio Services to
7 jointly retain the services of a communications consulting firm, by recommending
8 adoption of the following:
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10 A RESOLUTION

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12 WHEREAS, the Department of Administrative Services – Information
13 Management Services Division (IMSD) requests authorization to execute a
14 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and partner with Waukesha County Department
15 of Emergency Preparedness/Radio Services (Waukesha County) to jointly retain the
16 services of a communications consulting firm; and
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18 WHEREAS, the communications consulting firm will be contracted to explore, in
19 detail, a unified 700/800 MHz public safety trunked radio system and to prepare a
20 Concept, Design and Budget document for Phase One of the public safety radio capital
21 project WO614 Build-Out Ten Sites to Digital; and
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23 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County operates an analog 800MHz trunked radio
24 system that provides support to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, Milwaukee
25 County Transit System, Department of Public Works, Zoo, Parks and first responder
26 agencies (police/fire/EMS) of seventeen municipalities throughout the region; and
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28 WHEREAS, as technology evolves, older analog systems are being phased out
29 and replaced by newer digital technology; and
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31 WHEREAS, due to the fact that many system components of the current trunked
32 radio system are no longer manufactured nor supported, Milwaukee County is at a
33 critical point where the radio system must be replaced; and
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35 WHEREAS, since early 2011, IMSD has been actively exploring a partnership
36 with Waukesha County, which is on track to replace its own analog trunked system
37 within the next two to three years.; and
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39 WHEREAS, both Waukesha and Milwaukee have concluded that a regional
40 approach to 800MHz trunked radio would enhance the safety of their respective
41 communities by providing borderless radio system coverage; and
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43 WHEREAS, initial studies indicate that a resulting unified system would promote
44 interoperability and intergovernmental cooperation, expand wide-area coverage,
45 improve reliability, and likely do so at lower end-user operating and programming costs
46 than if the two systems remain isolated; and

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WHEREAS, IMSD is requesting authorization to execute a MOU with Waukesha County; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in the MOU, both IMSD and Waukesha County agree to sponsor a study for the development of a regional radio system and to share the cost of contracting with a selected vendor; and

WHEREAS, it is further agreed through the MOU that both Counties will share the responsibility for developing the RFP and evaluating vendor responses though Waukesha County will take the lead on posting the RFP and accepting responses; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha County will work with IMSD and Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel to contract with the successful proponent;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and partner with Waukesha County Department of Emergency Preparedness/Radio Services to jointly retain the services of a communications consulting firm to prepare a Concept, Design and Budget document for a combined 700/800 MHz public safety trunked radio system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division is authorized to share the cost of contracting with a the communications consulting firm and reimburse Waukesha County for costs outlined in the vendor proposal as Milwaukee County's responsibility.