



**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Office of the Comptroller

**Scott B. Manske, Comptroller**

**DATE** : December 4, 2017  
**TO** : Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM** : Scott B. Manske, Comptroller  
**SUBJECT** : Motorola Contract File No. 18-909

As the elected Comptroller for Milwaukee County, I am writing to provide my comments on County Board File No. 18-809 which is requesting authorization by OEM (Office of Emergency Management) to execute two SUAII and Maintenance Purchase Agreements with Motorola Solutions, Inc for maintenance, licensing and on-site repair of the Milwaukee County 800 Mhz public safety radio sub-system and the General Mitchell International Airport dispatch center, and to contribute annual funds to the Motorola Repair Bank for purposes of infrastructure repair and replacement for a ten-year term.

As you are aware, the Comptroller is the Chief Financial Officer of the County and the administrator of the County's financial affairs in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 59.255, 2011 Wisconsin Act 62 and 2013 Wisconsin Act 14. As a part of my duties, I sign all contracts executed by Milwaukee County. I am also responsible for the audit function for Milwaukee County, which is directly assigned to the Director of Audits. Working with the Director of Audits, we have established standard audit language that we believe should be included in all Milwaukee County contracts to allow for the Audit Services Division to perform its mission with unfettered access to all necessary records to conduct its investigations when needed.

Unfortunately, the contract with Motorola does not contain our standard audit language. We alerted the Director of OEM to the variance from the standard language when we were first presented with the contract to review. Multiple meetings were held, including conference calls with Motorola. However, we were unable to restore the language I wanted. We understand that our drafted language will not always be accepted by each contractor. However, we believe our drafted language is a model to be followed, which provides us with the greatest flexibility to do any follow-up review.

Due to the nature of the contract and the public safety need for continued uninterrupted operation of our radio system, I am prepared to sign the contract if approved by the County Board.

I, or the Director of Audits, are available to meet with any interested Supervisor to discuss in more detail my role and decision in signing of this contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott B. Manske", written over a horizontal line.

Scott B. Manske, Comptroller

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive  
Christine Westrich, Director, OEM