

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
ACTING AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

ORDER NO. 06-025

Approving a Request for Special Procurement to contract with Electric Lightwave, Inc. for the Purchase of Redundant Voice Communication Circuit Services for a Period of 5 Years

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Board, acting as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board, has reviewed a special procurement request from the Department of County Management, Telecommunications Section to contract with Electric Lightwave, Inc. (ELI) for the purchase of Redundant Voice Communication Circuit services for a period of 5 years.
- b. This procurement is unlikely to encourage favoritism or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts. Telecommunications Section conducted market research in October/November 2005. Time-Warner, Verizon, AT&T, ELI and Integra were identified as potential providers of this service. Verizon and Time-Warner do not serve the demarcation locations identified in the specifications; AT&T did not respond to the request for market research information. Only Integra and ELI responded to the request.

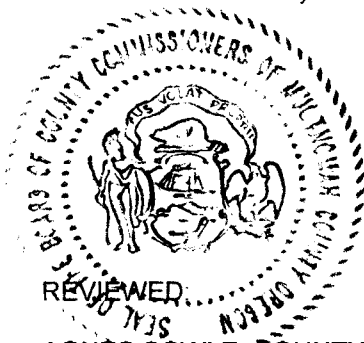
Integra stated in its response that it is unable to competitively compete without installing new hardware and lines or renting hardware and lines owned by ELI. This installation or rental would increase their cost enough to be non-competitive with the current provider. ELI indicated they can continue to provide the services within the competitive range and submitted a bid sheet documenting their quote to provide these services for three or five years. In December, 2005 Central Procurement and Contract Administration (CPCA) posted another request for market research information on the CPCA website, but no other vendor responded to this request.

- c. This procurement will result in cost savings to the County because ELI can provide the services at a lower cost than Integra. Current cost of the redundant circuits is approximately \$6,000 per month and the funds for these services are in the Department's budget. The total contract amount is estimated to be approximately \$360,000.
- d. Upon Board approval, a public notice of this procurement will be posted on the Central Procurement and Contract Administration (CPCA) website seven (7) days prior to award of contract.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:

The Special Procurement to contract with ELI for the purchase of Redundant Voice Communication Circuit services for a period of 5 years is approved.

ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2006.



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