

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

ORDER NO. 04-047

Approving an Exemption from the Formal Competitive Bid Process to Conduct an Informal Solicitation Process for the Purchase of a Mobile Incident Command Vehicle

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Board, acting as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board to review, pursuant to PCRB Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4), a request from the Office of Emergency Management for an exemption from the formal competitive bid process to conduct an informal solicitation process for the purchase of a mobile incident command vehicle.
- b. In November 2003 Emergency Management was awarded \$140,000 through the State Homeland Security Grant Program to purchase a mobile incident command vehicle. Requirements and specifications of the new vehicle were compiled and submitted to Central Procurement and Contract Administration. CPCA conducted a thorough market research, including GSA (federal) contract availability, and found that Winnebago Industries was the only manufacturer that could meet their requirements within the County's available funds. Four other manufacturers were contacted for quotes: Fleetwood, Monaco, Bluebird and Freightliner. Fleetwood and Monaco do not make commercial units. Bluebird and Freightliner make emergency units but do not have a slide area for conference seating as required. All four manufacturers confirmed that Winnebago Industries is the only one that has a slide area for conference seating. The Winnebago Industries Manufacturer does not sell directly to the public. The County will solicit informal quotes from several authorized Winnebago distributors.
- c. The Office of Emergency Management intends to purchase the 35 foot Mobile Command Center (model WFG35S), which is estimated at \$160,000. Under federal grant these funds must be expended by September 30, 2004.
- d. This procurement method is supported by market research which revealed that only one manufacturer can meet the budget and design requirements for this vehicle and several distributors will be solicited for quotations.
- e. This exemption request is in accord with the requirements of Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4).

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:

The exemption from the formal competitive bid process to conduct an informal solicitation process for the purchase of a mobile incident command vehicle is approved.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2004.



REVIEWED:

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By 
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