



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**TO:** MERA Governing Board

**FROM:** Craig Tackabery, Operations Officer

**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM **B-2**: PROPOSED WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT CONTRACT BETWEEN FEDERAL ENGINEERING AND THE COUNTY OF MARIN

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Recommended Action: Recommend the attached contract to the Board of Supervisors.

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Background: On June 24, 2015, the Governing Board approved a Next Generation Radio System Implementation Agreement with the County of Marin. The Agreement provides that County DPW must obtain prior approval from MERA's Governing Board (or its designee) to enter into a wireless communications consulting services contract.

On December 10, 2014, the Governing Board authorized the MERA Executive Board to approve the wireless communications consulting services request for proposal (RFP). The Executive Board authorized release of the RFP on February 4, 2015.

The RFP process for the Wireless Consultant closed on 04/28/15 with six proposals being submitted from:

- 1) AECOM
- 2) Blue Wing Services
- 3) DELTAWRX
- 4) Federal Engineering
- 5) Scientel
- 6) Tusa Consulting Services

The NGPOC Consultant Selection Subcommittee (Sheriff Doyle, Chief Pearce and Chief Cusimano) reviewed the six vendor proposals, selected three of the vendors for further interviews, participated in those vendor presentations and then ranked the three finalists, recommending that the NGPOC and the Executive Board authorize Marin DPW to negotiate with the top finalist to develop a contract for Governing

Board approval. The Executive Board approved the top finalist, Federal Engineering on July 8, 2015.

DPW negotiated the attached fixed fee contract for \$305,456, and included a \$50,000 (16%) contingency for additional services that are requested by the County, for a total of \$355,456. Additional services will be paid per the rate schedule included in the contract. The contract provides services through Phase 1, award of the system vendor contract. Federal Engineering estimates the timeframe to complete the Phase 1 work to be 41 weeks after notice to proceed. A separate consulting services contract will be recommended to the Governing Board for Phase 2, System Implementation.

A draft of the attached contract was provided to the Executive Board and MERA staff for comment. Attached is a summary by Dave Jeffries of comments received.

Attachment: Summary of comments.  
Professional Services Contract.