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**TO:** MERA Executive Board

**FROM:** Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project

**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM **B-3**: REPORT NO. 20 FROM NEXT GEN PROJECT  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (NGPOC) –  
UPDATE ON NEXT GEN PROJECT AND REQUEST FOR  
AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS

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Recommended Action: Accept the recommendation of the MERA Next Generation Project Oversight Committee to commence contract negotiations as recommended by the NGPOC Selection Subcommittee.

Background:

MERA received a single proposal from Motorola in response to the Vendor RFP. Since that time, the proposal was made available to members of this Committee, the Operational Issues Working Group, MERA staff, DPW staff and Federal Engineering for initial review and to identify issues needing clarification. That review has been completed and the clarifying questions were forwarded to Motorola for a response. We expect the majority of those responses prior to this meeting.

In addition, a Site Visit team that included end users as well as MERA and Marin DPW staff conducted a site visit to the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority on 08/31/16 to learn of their experiences in their current project with Motorola. A summary of those observations were provided to the Selection Subcommittee for their consideration and will be made available to the Negotiating Team. This agency was a recommended reference from Motorola.

A second site visit is scheduled for El Paso, TX on 09/09/16. Those comments will also be routed to the Selection Subcommittee and will be made available to the Negotiating Team. This agency was not listed by Motorola and was recommended by Federal Engineering.

The Operations Working Group is also conducting a number of additional reference checks by phone with additional Motorola clients that will be handled similarly to the site visits.

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The NGPOC Selection Subcommittee met on 09/13/16 to evaluate the proposal. The results of that meeting and the Subcommittee recommendation will be provided orally at your meeting. The Subcommittee members are Chief Pearce, Chief Cusimano and Undersheriff Ridgway.

In addition, just prior to this meeting, the NGPOC met to review the recommendations of the Selection Subcommittee. The recommendation of the NGPOC will be provided orally at your meeting.

As a reminder, the proposal is under administrative review and is confidential. Requests for information or media inquiries should be forwarded to Executive Officer Cassingham or Deputy Executive Officer Jeffries. The final proposal and proposed contract will be posted prior to any approval. At this point, that action is scheduled for the Governing Board at their 10/26/16 meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS: (not included for G.B. 9/28/16 – reference respective items listed below)**

B-3a Report No. 18 from NGPOC (G.B. 7/27/16)

B-3b Report No. 19 from NGPOC (G.B. 8/24/16)