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**DATE:** September 14, 2016  
**TO:** MERA Next Generation Project Oversight Committee  
**FROM:** Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen Project  
**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM **C**: UPDATE ON NEXT GEN SYSTEM PROJECT AND  
REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS

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**Recommended Action:** Forward to the MERA Executive Board your recommendation for contract negotiations as recommended by the NGPOC Selection Subcommittee.

**Background:**

As you were advised at the 08/10/16 meeting, MERA received a single proposal from Motorola. 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 about 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 by 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.

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.

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.