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**TO**: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM**: Rickelle Williams City Manager

**DATE**: October 7, 2025

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Proposals for the P25 Radio Communication System

Refresh-Replacement - Request for Proposals No. 358-6 - (Commission

**Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)** 

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all proposals received in response to Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 358-6 for the P25 Radio Communication System Refresh-Replacement.

## **Background**

The City currently utilizes a P25 800 MHz Trunking Radio System that is hosted, owned, and operated by Motorola Solutions. This system is utilized by the City's Fire Rescue, Police, and Public Works Departments, as well as the City of Oakland Park (general government and police) and the Wilton Manors Police Department. It enables these departments and municipalities to communicate efficiently in the field, improving response times. However, the current system is outdated and requires replacement with a new P25 700/800 MHz digital simulcast trunked radio network that can reliably and effectively meet the City's current and future communication needs.

On March 28, 2025, the City, via the Procurement Services Department, issued Request for Proposals (RFP) Event No. 358-6 for P25 Radio Communication System Refresh-Replacement. The solicitation was advertised for ninety (90) days. The City received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation, which opened on June 26, 2025.

- 1. Communications International, Inc. (CI)
- 2. Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MS)

EF Johnson, a JVCKENWOOD Company, attempted to submit, but was deemed non-responsive for failing to comply with the RFP's submittal requirements. Its proposal was not successfully submitted through the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform by the time and date specified in the solicitation. CI and Motorola were deemed non-responsive for failing to meet all the requirements of the solicitation. As a result, staff recommend rejecting all proposals.

City staff are working with the project consultant, TUSA Consulting Services, to refine the solicitation with revised specifications. The revised solicitation will be released before the end of the calendar year with an anticipated 30-day advertisement period.

#### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

# **Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY 2025 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.
- The Technology Adaptation Guiding Principle

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- The Implementation Element
- Goal 1: The Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan shall accomplish the City's Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision 2035 Plan regarding the City's future growth and the six Cylinders of Excellence and shall be the City's primary policy document to guide all of its activities and development.

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - Solicitation

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