


MEMORANDUM

TO: Angelica Cifuentes, Purchasing Agent III, City of San Luis

FROM: Fire Chief Hank Green 

DATE: October 24, 2017

RE: Waive Requirements of City of San Luis Code: ref. Purchase of Portable Radios

I am requesting that the purchase of portable radios for the Fire and Police Departments be done without formal bidding, as required under §Section 36.01(E) In General (\$ 35,000 and above) or §Section 36.03 (Bidding) of the City of San Luis Code.

While the annual payment exceeds the \$15,000 threshold amount that would require three written quotations and the total cost exceeds the \$ 35,000 threshold amount which would require the initiation of a formal bidding process; published request for sealed bids or requests for proposals for review and awarding of the contract for purchase of the desired item(s).

These radios are going to be purchased as an element of a larger purchase brokered by the Yuma Regional Communication System (YRCS) to replace all existing portable radios currently utilized by Public Safety agencies in Yuma and La Paz Counties. I do not believe that the City of San Luis Fire or Police Departments would receive any better pricing from Motorola because of the collective volume of the items being purchased.

Additionally, since our radios would be a part of this regional communications system, it is beneficial that our Fire and Police Department's radios be compatible, if not identical to those used by our neighboring agencies.

Therefore, I am requesting that the requirements of §Sections 36.01(E) and §Section 36.03 be waived under the authority of §Section 36.01(H) and that §Section 36.09 Cooperative Purchasing be applied to this request.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Be Safe.