



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 12, 2020**

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation to authorize the purchase of microwave equipment for continued connectivity within the P25 Radio System for the Police Department from Communications International as a "Sole Source Procurement," pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City of Coral Gables is currently constructing a new Police and Fire Headquarters building that is scheduled to open in September 2020 and will house the following departments: Fire, Police, Information Technology, and Coral Gables TV.

The P25 Radio System, which oversees all City radio equipment, requires an additional hop between 2800 Ponce de Leon Boulevard and the new Police and Fire Headquarters building in order to maintain data connectivity. This hop, as with the others already in place, requires both a primary and standby radio. The microwave equipment for this expansion is made by Microwave Networks Incorporated (MNI), the same company whose equipment powers the existing infrastructure. MNI has assigned Communications International as the sole source provider for this equipment and guarantees to extend support to the City for products and services sold through Communications International. Failure to utilize an authorized provider would necessitate the purchase of new microwave equipment for both the expansion and existing infrastructure and would involve having two different microwave service organizations for the City's P25 Radio System.

As a result, the Police Department has selected Communications International, the authorized MNI provider and seller of this proprietary equipment, to serve as the sole provider for the purchase of microwave equipment for continued connectivity within the P25 Radio System to the new Police and Fire Headquarters building in the amount of \$183,208.

Under Section 2-689 of the Procurement Code, entitled "Sole Source Procurement," an award may be made without competitive bids when there is only one source available to fulfill the needs of the City.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$183,208.00	310-1500-521-64-60	Project string: c-newsbdg.radio-sy.eqpt-gci
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$183,208.00</b>	<b>APPROVED BY:</b>	

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Sole Source#2020-047 Authorization Form Packet