

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH WESTNET, INC., WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR PURCHASING AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT TO UPGRADE THE FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$215,326

WHEREAS, in 2003, Westnet, Inc. ("Westnet") installed the First-In Alerting System in the Fire Communications Center and all City of Long Beach fire stations, and has since provided maintenance and service for this system; and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Fire Department ("LBFD") has not replaced or upgraded much of the original equipment installed in 2003 and desires to purchase new Alerting Master Control Units to upgrade all fire station alerting system hardware to the most current technology; and

WHEREAS, purchasing new Westnet alerting system hardware will increase dispatching and improve response times to assist first responders in meeting the 60-second turn out time goal established by the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, Westnet, Inc. does not use regional distributors and is the sole manufacturer and source for their products and as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids for furnishing and delivering the alerting system equipment and hardware and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of public funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract,

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1 without advertising for bids, with Westnet, Inc. for the purchase and installation of hardware
2 and equipment to upgrade the fire station alerting system in an amount not to exceed Two
3 Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$215,326.00). If the sole
4 source status of Westnet, Inc. changes, City shall publicly bid instead of extending the
5 contract.

6 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
7 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

8 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
9 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of May 12, 2015
10 by the following vote:

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12 Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Price, Supernaw, Mungo,
13 Andrews, Uranga, Austin, Richardson,
14 Lowenthal.

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16 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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18 Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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21 Robyn Dawie
22 City Clerk