



# CITY OF LONG BEACH R-16

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 12, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Westnet, Inc., of Huntington Beach, CA, for the purchase and installation of equipment to upgrade the fire station alerting system, without advertising for bids, in an amount not to exceed \$215,326; and,

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$215,326. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Westnet, Inc. (Westnet), for the purchase and installation of equipment to upgrade the fire station alerting system utilized by the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD).

In 2003, Westnet installed the First-In Alerting System in the Fire Communications Center and all LBFD stations, and has since provided maintenance and service for this system. The system is used to notify LBFD first responders of emergency calls. Much of the original equipment has not been replaced since it was installed and the LBFD now has the opportunity to purchase new Alerting Master Control Units (MCU) to upgrade all fire station alerting system hardware to the most current technology. The new MCUs will interface with LBFD's Tiburon Command-CAD system to increase dispatching capabilities and improve response times. The proposed contract also includes the purchase and installation of turnout timers in all fire stations. Turnout timers provide a visual readout of the time elapsed from the time the call was received at the fire station to the time the apparatus leaves the station, referred to as turnout time. This equipment assists first responders in meeting the 60-second turnout time goal established by the National Fire Protection Association.

Westnet, Inc., does not use regional distributors and is the sole manufacturer and source for their products. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids, and to do so would be deemed an unnecessary expenditure of public funds and staff time.

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City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process, but allows for awards without a competitive bid process if accompanied by a Resolution adopted by the City Council.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney on April 16, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 17, 2015.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt the attached Resolution and execute a contract concurrently is requested on May 12, 2015 to ensure that the contract is in place expeditiously, thereby allowing for the timely purchase and installation of equipment to upgrade the existing alerting system.


FISCAL IMPACT

The total purchase amount will not exceed \$215,326, which will be supported by revenue collected under the Fire Facilities Impact Fee. An appropriation increase in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Fire Department (FD) in the amount of \$215,326 is included in the recommendation. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

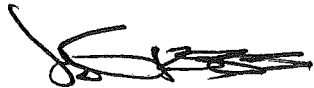
SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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ACTING FIRE CHIEF

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FIRE CHIEF



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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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ATTACHMENT

APPROVED:

  
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CITY MANAGER

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1 RESOLUTION NO.  
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
5 MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH WESTNET,  
6 INC., WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR  
7 PURCHASING AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT TO  
8 UPGRADE THE FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM IN AN  
9 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$215,326  
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11 WHEREAS, in 2003, Westnet, Inc. ("Westnet") installed the First-In Alerting  
12 System in the Fire Communications Center and all City of Long Beach fire stations, and  
13 has since provided maintenance and service for this system; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk