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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2015

**DATE:** October 13, 2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brett Steinhardt, Project Coordinator, Engineering and Capital Projects, Community Services Dept., 328-2049, [bsteinhardt@washoecounty.us](mailto:bsteinhardt@washoecounty.us)  
**THROUGH:** Dwayne Smith, P.E., Division Director, Engineering and Capital Projects, Community Services Department, 328-2043, [desmith@washoecounty.us](mailto:desmith@washoecounty.us)  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project [staff recommends PowerComm Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$244,599,00]. (Commission District 3.)

### SUMMARY

The 9<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project consists of a unified fire alarm control system and an emergency employee notification system. This fire control portion of the system will consolidate three independent existing fire alarm control systems that are located in buildings A, B, C, D, and E of the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Washoe County Administration Complex. Under the existing system, alarms in one of the campus building do not automatically notify other buildings; the new system rectifies this.

The emergency employee notification system portion of the project allows for emergency communication including both pre-recorded messages and two-way communication at specific panels or nodes. The project will also include additional audible speakers and color-coded strobe lights designed for notification during different emergency scenarios. The system is also expandable for future buildings at the Washoe County Administration Complex.

Sealed bids for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project were opened on October 29, 2015. The list of bids received for the project is as follows:

9 <sup>TH</sup> ST. FIRE ALARM & EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PROJECT	
Bidder	Amount
PowerComm Solutions, Inc.	\$244,599
Nelson Electric	\$275,700
Tri Signal Integration	\$479,000
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

Staff has verified in the System for Award Management Exclusions that no bidder is excluded from receiving federal government contracts as a result of being debarred; thus, none of the bidders is prohibited by NRS 338.017(2) from being awarded a public works contract.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None.

### **BACKGROUND**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Street Administration Complex consist of buildings A, B, C, D, and E, located at 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. These buildings were constructed in different phases with the earliest being built in 1977 to the latest in 1989. With the exception of building E (Senior Center), all the fire systems are original equipment that has exceed its useful life. Parts are no longer available for these systems and in recent years, nuisance false alarms have increased causing disruption to work flow and a lack of faith in the fire alarm system.

With recent trends in heightened security issues, an Employee Notification System has been elevated to a high priority from management and incorporated into the design of this proposed system. The proposed system will communicate with all buildings on the campus as well as future buildings such as the Medical Examiner facility and has the capability to communicate with offsite County buildings.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding in the amount of \$350,000 was approved in the FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Plan for security related building modifications. This project will utilize those funds, which are located in Fund 402 in Project PW920298, account 781002 (Buildings Capital).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project [staff recommends PowerComm Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$244,599.00].

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be. "Move to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project [staff recommends PowerComm Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$244,599.00]."

**AGREEMENT**  
**9<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project**

THIS AGREEMENT (also herein referred to as "Contract"), is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between Washoe County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, acting through the Washoe County Commissioners hereinafter called "OWNER" and PowerComm Solutions Inc., a General Contractor, Nevada State License No. \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called the "CONTRACTOR".

WITNESSETH:

That the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR, for the consideration hereinafter named, agree as follows:

**Article 1. Scope of Work**

The Contractor shall furnish all of the materials and perform all of the Work described in the Specifications entitled "9<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project", prepared by the Department of Community Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as one of the Contract Documents identified in Article 7.

**Article 2. Time of Completion**

The Work to be performed under this Agreement shall be completed within One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days of the "Notice to Proceed". Should the Contractor fail or refuse to complete the work within that time, along with any authorized extensions of time, there shall be deducted from monies due him, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each additional calendar day required to complete the work.

**Article 3. Progress Payments**

On or about the first of each month, the Contractor shall make and certify an estimate of the amount and fair value of the work done, and may apply for partial payment therefore. The Contractor shall revise the estimate as the Owner may direct. Whenever the monthly estimate, after approval, shows that the value of the work completed during the previous month exceeds one percent (1%) of the total contract price, the Owner will process a pay request. The Owner will thereupon cause the amount therein to be paid to the Contractor. Such certification of work performed will authorize payment in an amount equal to the value of the Work completed less any sums that may be retained by the Owner.

Pursuant to NRS 338.515, Owner shall retain 10 percent (10%) of such estimated value of the Work done as part security for the fulfillment of the Contract until fifty percent (50%) of the Work required by the contract has been performed. When fifty percent (50%) of the Work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Owner, one-half (1/2) of the amount retained by Owner will be paid to Contractor. Thereafter, if in the opinion of the Owner, satisfactory progress is being made, Owner shall retain up to two and a half percent (2.5%) from monthly progress payments as part security for the fulfillment of the Contract until the Work required by the contract has been completed. No partial payment shall be made when, in the judgment of the Owner, the Work is not being diligently prosecuted by the Contractor.

The amount of payments withheld as provided herein shall be retained for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of filing of the Notice of Completion.

Owner shall pay to Contractor at the end of each quarter this Agreement is in effect, interest for the quarter on the amount withheld at a rate to be determined by Owner in accordance with NRS 338.515. If the amount due the Contractor pursuant to this provision for any quarter is less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), the Owner may withhold the interest until: (1) the end of a subsequent quarter after which the amount of interest due is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more; (2) the end of the fourth consecutive quarter for which no interest has been paid to the Contractor; or (3) the final payment is due under the Agreement, whichever occurs first.

Contractor shall pay the Subcontractors progress payments and pay interest on amounts retained from said progress payments in accordance with the provisions of NRS 338.510 through NRS 338.535.

In accordance with NRS 244.320 and NRS 354.626, if, in any subsequent fiscal year, the County determines not to appropriate or budget funds for the purposes specified in this Contract, or the County determines that it is required to amend previous appropriations or budgeted amounts to eliminate or reduce funding the purposes in this Contract, this Contract will be terminated without penalty, charge, or sanction.

#### **Article 4. Acceptance and Final Payment**

As soon as practical following the completion of the Work, the Contractor shall make request by letter to the Owner for a final inspection and acceptance of the Work, and if, in Owner's opinion, all provisions of the Specifications and Agreement have been satisfied, Owner will cause a Notice of Completion to be filed with the County Recorder.

At the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days following the filing of the Notice of Completion, final payment shall be made as follows: After deducting all previous payments from the total value of the work, the remaining balance shall be paid, providing that no claims, liens or outstanding debts have been filed against the work, and the contract is not subject to arbitration or litigation between parties. Notwithstanding the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days, the Contractor, upon demand by the Owner, shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Owner that all payrolls, materials, bills, and other indebtedness relating to the work performed, have been paid before final payment is made.

#### **Article 5. The Contract Sum**

The Owner shall pay the Contractor, as full compensation for furnishing all materials and labor and doing all the Work in strict accordance with the Specifications and to the satisfaction of the Owner, the amount of **Two Hundred Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$244,599.00)**. This sum is to be paid in the manner and under the conditions hereinbefore specified.

#### **Article 6. Performance and Payment Bonds**

The Contractor agrees that it will before this Contract becomes effective, furnish the Owner a Faithful Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, furnished by a company or

companies acceptable to the Owner, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract sum.

The Faithful Performance Bond shall be conditioned that the Work under the Contract shall be performed in accordance with the Specifications and terms of this Agreement and shall guarantee the Work for a period of one (1) year.

Labor and Material Payment Bond shall be conditioned to provide and secure payment for all material, provisions, provender and supplies, teams, trucks and other means of transportation used in, or upon or about the Work and for any labor done thereon.

**Article 7. The Contract Documents**

The following is an enumeration of the Contract Documents, which are attached hereto and fully incorporated by reference as part of the Contract:

1. DRAWINGS
2. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
3. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS
4. BID FORM
5. GENERAL CONTRACTOR BUSINESS FIRM INFORMATION
6. BID BOND
7. PREFERENTIAL BID STATUS
8. LOCAL PREFERENCE BIDDING AFIDAVIT
9. LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS SUBMITTED WITH BID
10. TWO HOUR ONE PERCENT LIST OF RESPONSIBLE TRADES
11. AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION
12. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATE
13. AGREEMENT
14. PERFORMANCE AND COMPLETION BOND
15. LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND
16. GENERAL PROVISIONS (STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION, latest edition) by reference.
17. SPECIAL PROVISIONS
18. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
19. ATTACHMENT 1 - PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION INSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS
20. ATTACHMENT 3 – 2015 PREVAILING WAGE RATES – WASHOE COUNTY
21. ADDENDA (if necessary)
22. ANY VALIDLY EXECUTED CHANGE ORDER, DIRECTIVES OR AMENDMENTS HERETO

**Article 8. Nondiscrimination:** In accordance with NRS 338.125, in connection with the performance of Work under this Contract, the Contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age. This agreement not to discriminate includes, but is not limited to, decisions with respect to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion or

transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Any violation of such provision by the Contractor shall constitute a material breach of the Contract. Further, Contractor agrees to insert this nondiscrimination provision in all subcontracts hereunder, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

**Article 9. Veteran's Preference**

Contractor agrees to give preference as provided in NRS 338.130. If this provision is not complied with, the Contract shall be void, and any failure or refusal to comply with this provision shall render the Contract void.

**Article 10. Prevailing Wage Rates**

In the event that the Contract sum is Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars or more, Contractor agrees that he shall pay the prevailing wage rates in effect at the time of the bid and comply with NRS 338. The Contractor shall forfeit, as a penalty to the Owner, not less than \$20 nor more than \$50 for each calendar day or portion thereof that each workman employed:

- 1) Is paid less than the designated rate for any work done under the contract, by the contractor or any subcontractor under him.
- 2) Is not reported to the labor commission and the Owner.

In addition, Contractor shall keep accurate records showing the name, occupation and actual per diem wages and benefits paid to each workman employed by him in connection with this project. The records shall be open to inspection by the Owner, its officers and agents and at all reasonable hours.

**Article 11. Indemnification/Hold Harmless**

Washoe County has established specific indemnification and insurance requirements for agreements/contracts with Contractors to help assure that reasonable insurance coverage is maintained. Indemnification and hold harmless clauses are intended to assure that Contractors accept and are able to pay for the loss liability related to their activities. Attachment 1 is included by reference. All conditions and requirements identified in this Attachment shall be completed prior to the commencement of any work under this Agreement.

If this provision is not complied with, the Contract shall be void, and any failure or refusal to comply with this provision shall render the Contract void.

**Article 12. Termination**

In addition to other provisions of this Agreement, Owner has the right to terminate the Agreement without cause at any time upon giving Contractor seven (7) days notice in writing. In the event the Agreement is terminated by Owner in accordance with this provision, Owner agrees to pay Contractor for all Work satisfactorily completed and for materials installed prior to the date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written

**WASHOE COUNTY**

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Marsha Berkbigler, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk

**CONTRACTOR:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF NEVADA        )  
                                  ) SS:  
COUNTY OF WASHOE    )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the foregoing Agreement.

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NOTARY PUBLIC



# Washoe County COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Engineering & Capital Projects Division

ATTACHMENT 1

## INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS

### 9Th St. Fire Alarm & Employee Notification System Project

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WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

#### INTRODUCTION

COUNTY has established specific indemnification, insurance, and safety requirements for public works construction contracts to help assure that reasonable insurance coverage is purchased and safe working conditions are maintained. Indemnification and hold harmless clauses are intended to assure that CONTRACTOR accepts and is able to pay for the loss or liability related to its activities.

***BIDDERS' ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT BIDDERS CONFER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INSURANCE CARRIERS OR BROKERS TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE OF BID SUBMISSION THE AVAILABILITY OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES AND ENDORSEMENTS AS PRESCRIBED AND PROVIDED HEREIN. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE AGENT/BROKER CONTACT THE COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY AT (775) 328-2665. IF ANY APPARENT LOW BIDDER FAILS TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, THAT BIDDER MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.***

#### INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any loss or liability, financial or otherwise resulting from any claim, demand, suit, action, or cause of action based on bodily injury including death or property damage, including damage to CONTRACTOR'S property or injury to CONTRACTOR'S employee, caused by any action, either direct or passive, the omission, failure to act, or negligence on the part of CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents, representatives, or Subcontractors arising out of the performance of work under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR, or by others under the direction or supervision of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR must either defend COUNTY or, upon determination that the work performed by CONTRACTOR was negligent in any manner or that CONTRACTOR failed to perform any duty set forth in this Agreement, pay COUNTY'S costs related to the investigation and defense of any claim, demand, action, or cause of action.

If COUNTY'S personnel are involved in defending such actions, CONTRACTOR shall reimburse COUNTY for the time spent by such personnel at the actual cost incurred by COUNTY for such services.

In determining the nature of the claim against COUNTY, the incident underlying the claim shall determine the nature of the claim, notwithstanding the form of the allegations against COUNTY.





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## Engineering & Capital Projects Division

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall purchase Industrial Insurance, General Liability, Automobile Liability, Property Insurance and Professional Insurance as described below. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the CONTRACTOR'S bid.

### INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE

It is understood and agreed that there shall be no Industrial Insurance coverage provided for CONTRACTOR or any Subcontractor by COUNTY. CONTRACTOR agrees, as a precondition to the performance of any work under this Agreement and as a precondition to any obligation of the COUNTY to make any payment under this Agreement to provide COUNTY with a certificate issued by an insurer in accordance with NRS 616B.627 and with certificates of an insurer showing coverage pursuant to NRS 617.210 for CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors.

If CONTRACTOR or Subcontractor is unlicensed and is a sole proprietor, coverage for the sole proprietor must be purchased and evidence of coverage must appear on the Certificate of Insurance. Such requirement may be waived for a sole proprietor who does not use the services of any employees, subcontractors, or independent contractors and completes an Affirmation of Compliance pursuant to NRS 616B.627(2).

It is further understood and agreed by and between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR that CONTRACTOR shall procure, pay for, and maintain the above mentioned industrial insurance coverage at CONTRACTOR'S sole cost and expense.

Should CONTRACTOR be self-funded for Industrial Insurance, CONTRACTOR shall so notify COUNTY in writing prior to the signing of this Agreement. COUNTY reserves the right to approve said retentions, and may request additional documentation, financial or otherwise, for review prior to the signing of this Agreement.

### MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain limits no less than:

1. **General Liability:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, the general aggregate limit shall be increased to equal twice the required occurrence limit or revised to apply separately to each project or location.
2. **Automobile Liability:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage covering "Any Auto". No aggregate limits may apply.

### DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY Risk Management Division. COUNTY reserves the right to request additional documentation, financial or otherwise, prior to giving its approval of the deductibles and self-insured retention and prior to executing the underlying agreement. Any changes to the deductibles or self-insured retentions made during the term of this Agreement or during the term of any policy, must be approved by the COUNTY Risk Manager prior to the change taking effect.



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## OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

- a. COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be included as insureds as respects damages and defense arising from: activities performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, including the insured's general supervision of CONTRACTOR; products and completed operations of CONTRACTOR; premises owned, occupied, or used by CONTRACTOR; or automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the additional insureds nor shall the rights of the additional insureds be affected by the insured's duties after an accident or loss.
- b. CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respect to COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by COUNTY, its officers, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it in any way.
- c. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to COUNTY, its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.
- d. CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or non-renewed by either CONTRACTOR or by the insurer, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to COUNTY except for nonpayment of premium.



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### ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A-: VII. COUNTY, with the approval of the Risk Manager, may accept coverage with carriers having lower Best's ratings upon review of financial information concerning CONTRACTOR and insurance carrier. COUNTY reserves the right to require that CONTRACTOR'S insurer be a licensed and admitted insurer in the State of Nevada, or on the Insurance Commissioner's approved but not admitted list.

### VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements affecting coverage required by this exhibit. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be addressed to the specific COUNTY contracting department and be received and approved by COUNTY before work commences. COUNTY reserves the right to require complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

### SUBCONTRACTORS

CONTRACTOR shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each Subcontractor. All coverages for Subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

### MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS

1. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for and remedy all damage or loss to any property, including property of COUNTY, caused in whole or in part by CONTRACTOR, any Subcontractor, or anyone employed, directed, or supervised by CONTRACTOR.
2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which CONTRACTOR may be held responsible for payment of damages to persons or property resulting from its operations or the operations of any Subcontractors under it.
3. In addition to any other remedies COUNTY may have if CONTRACTOR fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, COUNTY may, at its sole option:
  - a. Purchase such insurance to cover any risk for which COUNTY may be liable through the operations of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement and deduct or retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement;
  - b. Order CONTRACTOR to stop work under this Agreement and/or withhold any payments which become due CONTRACTOR here under until CONTRACTOR demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof; or,
  - c. Terminate the Agreement.