



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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**SUBJECT:**

Acknowledge report of sole-source purchase from Locution Systems, Inc. of Golden, Colorado of certain software and hardware components of, as well as project, engineering and installation oversight for and training on the use of, a fire station alerting system for Station 8 in the total amount of \$152,005.00 for the Fire Department

**Purpose**

The purpose of this procurement is to purchase certain software and hardware components of, as well as project, engineering and installation oversight for and training on the use of, a fire station alerting system for Station 8. A fire station alerting system automatically alerts only the station(s) that needs to respond to the emergency rather than all stations, while allowing the emergency dispatchers to continue gathering critical incident information and/or providing guidance to the caller. This purchase does not include installation (because the system would be installed by City employees), network connectivity, wiring and some computer and radio hardware that is to be procured separately by the City, or retrofitting other stations of the Franklin Fire Department (as the timing of that undertaking is unrelated to the construction of Station 8).

**Background**

City Purchasing Policy allows for the following category of sole-source purchases valued at or greater than \$25,000 not to require individual authorization by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (but which shall be reported to the Board): Purchases of items necessary to maintain, expand or improve a manufacturer-specific system already in use by the City and that requires interconnectivity of and/or communication between the component parts, so long as the product manufacturer representative has stated in writing that the vendor is the sole source available to the City of Franklin, and so long as the vendor has stated in writing that the quoted pricing is the lowest municipal unit pricing available at that time and in the foreseeable future for the quantity indicated.

As the City is consolidating its emergency dispatch operation into the one operated by Williamson County, the City's fire station alerting system must be the same as the one selected by Williamson County government,

namely the Locution PrimeAlert system. Locution Systems is the manufacturer and sole supplier of the Locution PrimeAlert system, and has indicated in writing that the quoted pricing is the lowest municipal available at the time and in the foreseeable future for the component quantities indicated.

In lieu of executing a contract, the City has issued a purchase order, number 2438, to place the order for this purchase.

#### **Financial Impact**

The Fire Station 8 construction project budget includes this purchase. The component expenses of the Fire Station 8 construction project are being allocated to the City's Facilities Tax Fund.

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen acknowledge receipt of this report of the sole-source purchase from Locution Systems, Inc. of Golden, Colorado of certain software and hardware components of, as well as project, engineering and installation oversight for and training on the use of, a fire station alerting system for Station 8 in the total amount of \$152,005.00 for the Fire Department. Purchasing Manager Brian Wilcox is of the opinion that the sole-source purchase appears to be justified, and that the staff recommendation appears to be made in a fair and impartial manner based upon the information presented.