



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve the Purchase of the 3920 Communications Services Digital Radio Test Equipment from Aeroflex Wichita Inc. (\$40,818.00)

Attached is a resolution for your approval for the purchase of digital radio test equipment. This equipment will be used in the programming and maintenance of the digital radios currently utilized by Safety Services. Approximately one year ago, Safety Services made the move from an analog radio system to the State digital radio system. This millage funded change occurred for all area Safety Service radios to ensure compatibility and reliability.

The City's radios are maintained by the Communication's division of the Public Service Area Field Operations unit. In order to service the new digital radios efficiently, an upgrade of the current test equipment is necessary.

The 3920 Digital Radio Test Set is the recommended and best suited piece of equipment to service the Motorola digital radios currently being used by Safety Service Units County wide. Aeroflex Wichita, Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer of the equipment and is allowing us to buy the equipment directly. Buying directly from the manufacturer allows us to take advantage of governmental pricing.

This equipment replacement was included and funding is available in the approved FY 12 Field Operations Central Stores operations and maintenance budget.

Aeroflex Wichita, Inc., received Human Rights approval on November 16, 2011.

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Approved by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator
Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor's Safety Services Unit utilizes digital radios on the State System to ensure reliability and compatibility;

Whereas, The Communications Division of the Public Service Area Field Operations Unit maintains and repairs the city's radios utilizing specialized test equipment;

Whereas, Our current test equipment needs to be upgraded to handle the digital system radios efficiently;

Whereas, Aeroflex Wichita, Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer of the 3290 Communications Service Test Equipment;

Whereas, Aeroflex Wichita, Inc. received human rights approval on November 16, 2011;

Whereas, Funding for this purchase is included in the Central Stores budget of the Field Operations FY12 Operations and Maintenance budget;

RESOLVED, That the purchase order to Aeroflex Wichita, Inc. for the purchase of the 3290 Communications Service test equipment be authorized in the amount of \$40,818.00; and

RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the City Administrator to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.