

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

Subject: Extension of I-NET to New City Hall – R-28-10

Date: May 10, 2010

As part of the construction for the new City Hall, the City's I-NET system will need to be extended from the old City Hall to the new City Hall. The I-NET, or Institutional Network, uses dedicated data, video, television, audio communications, and telephone facilities and one way and two way networks designed and constructed to connect government and other institutions. The system is an extension of the countywide I-NET system constructed and owned by Comcast.

While the I-NET system is separate from the cable system, there are areas where the I-NET fiber has been collocated with Comcast's subscriber network and as such, Comcast requires that work on the I-NET be done by their contractors.

The City's consultant for the design of the system estimated the cost of the extension to be \$201,355. The total price quoted by Comcast for this work is \$174,411.07. While this cost is slightly higher than the \$164,322 originally quoted by Comcast, the FY 2010 budget has this cost budgeted at \$201,000, so this expenditure is within the budgeted amount.

This project will be funded using moneys collected as part of the cable franchise fees. These moneys are restricted in their use to funding capital improvement projects associated with the I-NET system.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The connection of the I-NET is necessary for the proper functioning of data, video, television, audio communication and telephone facilities at the new City Hall. Comcast requires that work on the I-NET be performed by their contractors. The price quoted by Comcast of \$174,411.07 to do this work is below the estimate of the design engineer and is within budget. Therefore, staff recommends that City Council approve Resolution R-28-10 waiving normal bidding requirements and awarding the contract for extension of the City's I-NET system to the new City Hall to Comcast.

DJD/JLF/adf

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND BY TWO-THIRDS
VOTE WAIVING NORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTENSION OF
THE CITY'S I-NET TO THE NEW CITY HALL AND AWARDING A
CONTRACT TO COMCAST

WHEREAS, as part of the new City Hall construction, the I-NET system will need to be extended from the existing City Hall to the new City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the I-NET system is an extension of the countywide I-NET system constructed and owned by Comcast; and

WHEREAS, while the I-NET system is separate from the cable system, there are areas where the I-NET fiber has been collocated with the Comcast subscriber network and as such Comcast requires that work on the I-NET be done by their contractors; and

WHEREAS, the City's consultant for the design of the system estimated the cost of the extension to be \$201,355; and

WHEREAS, the price quoted by Comcast for this extension is \$174,411.07.

WHEREAS, the FY 2010 budget contains \$201,000 for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bowie does hereby waive normal bidding requirements for the extension of the I-NET system to the new City Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes staff to enter into an agreement with Comcast to extend the I-NET system to the new City Hall for a cost of \$174,411.07.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting of the City Council on May 17, 2010.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Pamela A. Fleming
City Clerk

G. Frederick Robinson
Mayor