



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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DATE: April 12, 2026

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the purchase and installation of sixty-five (65) R2400 Cradlepoint routers, including antennas and miscellaneous accessories, in an amount of \$218,186.74, with an additional 10% contingency to accommodate potential price increases, for a total amount not to exceed \$240,005, from LEHR as part of an update to the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's communication systems (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve the purchase and installation of sixty-five (65) R2400 Cradlepoint routers, including antennas and miscellaneous accessories, in an amount of \$218,186.74 from LEHR, located at 9240 Prototype Dr., Reno NV 89521. If approved, the Board is also asked to authorize a 10% contingency to accommodate any potential price increases. This procurement is requested pursuant to NRS 332.115(1)(s), which authorizes the District to enter into contracts that, by their nature, are not suited to competitive solicitation. Specifically, this includes contracts for equipment associated with communication systems.

PREVIOUS ACTION

December 16, 2025, The Board of Fire Commissioners accepted a grant from The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of \$3,213,727 with a grant match component of \$1,377,311 for the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project that included the purchase of three new Type I fire engines and corresponding loose equipment, mobile data computers (MDCs) and parts for district wide mobile computer upgrades, VHF portable and mobile radios replacement, and self-contained breathing apparatus ("SCBA") upgrades and replacements.

BACKGROUND

Statutory Authority: NRS 474.470(7) authorizes the acquisition of personal property necessary for the purposes of the District. NRS 332.115(1)(s) exempts from the competitive bidding process, contracts that by their nature, are not suited to competitive solicitation. Specifically, this includes contracts for equipment and services associated with communication systems.

The Cradlepoint R2400 routers are integral to maintaining and enhancing the reliability, security, and performance of the agency's communications infrastructure. LEHR is an authorized provider with the necessary expertise to supply, configure, and support this specialized equipment, ensuring compatibility with existing systems and minimizing deployment risks. The District's current inventory of mobile routers is outdated, and the hardware is no longer supported by the manufacturer or Washoe County's Network Security. Approval of this recommendation will support continuity of operations and enable the district to perform its mission.

FISCAL IMPACT

This purchase was included in the District's application for a grant, subsequently awarded by the William N. Pennington Foundation. There are sufficient funds in the District's capital fund with the Board's previous acceptance of this grant.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase and installation of sixty-five (65) R2400 Cradlepoint routers, including antennas and miscellaneous accessories, in an amount of \$218,186.74, with an additional 10% contingency to accommodate potential price increases, for a total amount not to exceed \$240,005, from LEHR as part of an update to the District's communication systems.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board/s agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to approve the purchase and installation of sixty-five (65) R2400 Cradlepoint routers, including antennas and miscellaneous accessories, in an amount of \$218,186.74, with an additional contingency to accommodate potential price increases, for a total amount not to exceed \$240,005, from LEHR as part of an update to the District's communication systems."