TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

DATE: February 22, 2025

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the purchase of twenty (20) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios, thirteen (13) BKR5000 portable wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories at an amount not to exceed $163,780.24 from BlackPoint L.L.C. 1407 Arlen Ln. Gardnerville NV 89410 utilizing Nevada State Purchasing Contract # 99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is a recommendation to approve the purchase of twenty (20) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios, thirteen (13) BKR5000 portable wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories at an amount not to exceed $163,780.24 from BlackPoint L.L.C. 1407 Arlen Ln. Gardnerville NV 89410 utilizing Nevada State Purchasing Contract # 99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing.

PREVIOUS ACTION

May 21, 2024, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tentative budget, with no changes to be adopted into the Final Budget.

BACKGROUND

Over the last few years, staff have been consistently focusing its purchase of radio equipment on the upgrading of the P25 800Mhz system. As a result, the inventory of the districts VHF wildland radios is becoming aged and antiquated. These radios are no longer produced by manufacturers, causing parts to become scarce and repairs to increase in price. All federal and state firefighting agencies continue to use the VHF radio system exclusively. The District must maintain an inventory of VHF radios in order to maintain interoperability on the state and national level.

These radios will meet the federal interoperability requirements of the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), enhancing first responders' ability to communicate with all neighboring jurisdictions operating in a safer and more effective manner within the National Response Framework.

FISCAL IMPACT

This purchase was anticipated and included in the District's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of twenty (20) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios, thirteen (13) BKR5000 portable wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories at an amount not to exceed $163,780.24 from BlackPoint L.L.C. 1407 Arlen Ln. Gardnerville NV 89410 utilizing Nevada State Purchasing Contract # 99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

"I move to approve the purchase of twenty (20) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios, thirteen (13) BKR5000 portable wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories at an amount not to exceed $163,780.24 from BlackPoint L.L.C. 1407 Arlen Ln. Gardnerville NV 89410 utilizing Nevada State Purchasing Contract # 99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing."