

DATE:

February 22, 2022

TO:

GEORGEANNE WHITE, City Manager

City Manager's Office

FROM:

BRYON HORN, Chief Information Office

Information Services Department

SUBJECT: Uniquely Qualified Vendor

The purpose of this memorandum is to request authorization for a Uniquely Qualified purchase, consistent with the language in Administrative Order 3-1, under the formal bid limit, so that the Information Services Department (ISD) may enter into an agreement with Crown Castle for the installation of equipment on their radio tower for the purpose of strengthening Public Safety Radio Communications. It is Crown Castle's policy that this work be completed by them since it is their property. The amount of the installation is \$232,444. Monthly rent for the tower is already built into ISD's budget.

In working with the Fire Department through the North Central Fire Protection District separation, it was determined that the City would need an additional radio site for proper coverage that would support the Northwest and west areas of the City. This would not only support Fresno Fire, but would also increase Police radio signal strength in the Northwest area. The location of this radio antenna is at the intersection of Valentine and Brawley next to Highway 99.

In addition, we want to move equipment and cease the use of a tower owned by Fresno Unified (near Shaw and Brawley). Lastly, this will eventually take the place of communications that currently reside on Owens Mountain – or provide us a back-up in case of system failure on that site.

If you have any additional questions, or require additional information and data, please do not he sitate to contact me at 559-621-7101.

Approved

Denied

Georgeanne White, City Manager