

ORDINANCE NO. 002-187

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC
BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT
TO M/A-COM PRIVATE RADIO SYSTEMS,
INC., TO FURNISH TWO HUNDRED
FORTY EIGHT (248) UHF MOBILE RADIOS
FOR THE CTA BUS FLEET

WHEREAS, The Authority previously competitively bid a requirement for UHF mobile radios required to upgrade the Bus Communications System under the Bus Emergency Communications System (BECS) project for the entire bus fleet; and

WHEREAS, The UHF mobile radios are required for bus operators and supervisors to communicate from the field with the Control Center to advise of service or vehicle problems, thereby ensuring service quality to the riding public; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority entered into a contract with M/A-Com Private Radio Systems, Inc., on March 27, 2002, to provide 1,951 UHF mobile radios to replace Motorola Mocom 70 series radios that are obsolete and no longer supported by the manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to contract award, additional low-floor articulated buses were ordered from North American Industries, Inc. (NABI), that were not taken into consideration when the original quantity to be purchased was developed; and

WHEREAS, This purchase will provide for additional mobile radios required to complete installation in CTA's entire bus fleet with like equipment to ensure continuity of service and operations; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that a contract be awarded to M/A-Com Private Radio Systems, Inc., to ensure that the entire bus fleet is uniformly equipped with the same radio and to maintain consistent functioning operations system-wide through the integrity of a single system; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive public bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1: That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive public bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with M/A-Com Private Radio Systems, Inc., to furnish two hundred forty-eight (248) UHF mobile radios required for installation in articulated buses being procured from North American Bus Industries, Inc. (NABI) ,to complete radio installations in CTA's entire bus fleet, in the amount of \$374,480.00 under Requisition No. C02FR1299.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

December 11, 2002

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