

ORDINANCE NO. 006-98

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC
BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A
CONTRACT TO M/A-COM, INC., TO
FURNISH 200 UHF MOBILE RADIOS
FOR THE CTA BUS FLEET WITH TWO
OPTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
100 ADDITIONAL RADIOS EACH

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

WHEREAS, The UHF mobile radios purchased from M/A-Com, Inc., use a proprietary signaling format; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently in 2003, the Authority purchased an additional 248 UHF mobile radios from M/A-Com, Inc., for installation in North American Bus Industries, Inc. (NABI), low-floor articulated buses that were not taken into consideration when the original quantity to be purchased was developed; and

WHEREAS, The Authority currently needs additional UHF mobile radios required to maintain the entire fleet of buses and the increased service requirements for new routes with like equipment; and

WHEREAS, If purchased from M/A-Com, Inc., the additional UHF mobile radios will include the proprietary signaling format necessary to communicate with the Authority's existing UHF mobile radios without any additional programming, ensuring continuity of service and operations; 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 Chicago 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 Chicago Transit Board hereby determines that competitive public bidding for this product 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, Inc., to furnish 200 UHF mobile radios with two options for the purchase of 100 additional radios each, in order to maintain the current fleet of CTA buses and increased service requirements for new routes, in the amount of \$663,684.00 under Requisition No. C06OP100356158.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

July 12, 2006

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