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## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 17, 2024

**DATE:** Thursday, October 10, 2024

**TO:** P25 Joint Operating Committee

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**THROUGH:** Behzad Zamanian, Chief Information Officer, Washoe County  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the First Addendum to the P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement and make a recommendation to each of the Partner Agencies' respective governing bodies or chief executives to approve and ratify the addendum to address P25 Radio System construction cost increases. [For Possible Action]

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### **SUMMARY**

Washoe County staff and Partner Agencies have worked during the last eighteen months to develop the first Addendum to the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal, June 2020. During that time, Washoe County has received and incorporated comments, suggestions and edits to the Agreement from the Cities of Reno and Sparks, UNR, and the Washoe County School District. Similarly, the P25 Joint Operating Committee have provided recommendations on the prioritization of radio system construction projects that directly impact the costs addressed in the Interlocal Addendum.

The first Addendum to the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal addresses unanticipated cost overruns for construction of the P25 radio system. The Addendum defines a cost allocation structure and multiple options for Partner Agency payments; and addresses additional cost overruns or how funds would be returned to Partner Agencies if there are excess funds.

Washoe County requests that all Partner Agencies who are signatories to the P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement initiate approval and ratification of the Addendum before March 1, 2025.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On January 17, 2020, the 800MHz Joint Operating Committee recommended that the Governing Board or Chief Executive of each member of the Washoe County Regional Communication System approve and ratify the P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved the System Purchase Agreement between Washoe County and Harris Corporation, Communications System Segment, in the amount of [\$26,537,510.68]; and authorized the Washoe County Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement.

### **BACKGROUND**

The State of Nevada Department of Transportation, Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRCS) and NV Energy, partners in the Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS), have recognized the need for a shared statewide communications network to be used for daily operations, interagency communication, interoperability and emergency communications. Since 2018, the NSRS partners have been engaged with L3Harris Corporation to upgrade and construct the statewide radio system.

Since 2018, costs for materials and construction of radio sites have increased substantially. Cost estimates for Washoe County's planned radio site construction projects along with other system cost increases and scope changes have created a situation in which funds originally set aside for system construction are no longer sufficient to complete the project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The first Addendum to the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal specifies the total funds that each agency would be responsible for by signing the Interlocal Addendum. The Addendum provides three payment options: prepayment, in which an agency's total cost would be paid in a single payment; annual pay-as-you-go, in which each agency would pay the total amount specified in the agreement over two fiscal years, FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027; and the periodic pay-as-you-go option in which partner agencies would be billed by Washoe County for their share of each construction project as Washoe County incurs and pays for those expenses.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation that the P25 Joint Operating Committee accept the First Addendum to the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement and make a recommendation to each of the Partner Agencies' respective governing bodies or chief executives to approve and ratify the addendum to address P25 Radio System construction cost increases.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Committee agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept the First Addendum to the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement and make a recommendation to each of the Partner Agencies' respective governing bodies or chief executives to approve and ratify the addendum to address P25 Radio System construction cost increases."