

ORDINANCE NO. 05-50 AC CMS

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO
A CONTRACT WITH NORTHROP GRUMMAN COMMERCIAL INFORMATION
SYSTEMS, INC., OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE OF
PURCHASING FOR THE PURCHASE OF MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM (MARCS) EQUIPMENT FOR THE OBERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain,
State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04 and City of Oberlin Resolution No. R88-7, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Northrop Grumman Commercial Information Systems, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, for the purchase of MARCS emergency communications equipment for the Oberlin Fire Department for a purchase price of \$77,561.99.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit:

**"to authorize the purchase of emergency communications equipment
as soon as possible to ensure the public safety of Oberlin residents",**

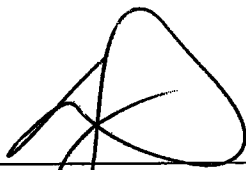
and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading – July 5, 2005 (E)
 2nd Reading –
 3rd Reading –

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 7/6/05
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EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/6/05

CLERK OF COUNCIL OFFICE

Oberlin, Ohio

Please provide to this office, after signatures, an original copy for the Clerk's files of the following checked item(s):

1. AGREEMENT ☐
2. CONTRACT ☒
3. CHANGE ORDER ☐
4. DEED ☐
5. GRANT ☐
6. BACK-UP MATERIALS ☐
7. OTHER ☐ _____

<u>ORD.NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>SENT/RCVD</u>	
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INTER-OFFICE
Memorandum

**City of Oberlin Fire
Department**

To: Robert DiSpirito, City Manager
From: Dennis Kirin, Fire Chief
Cc: Eric Severs, Law Director
Eugene Simon, City Clerk
Date: June 24, 2005
Subject: MARCS purchase



Attached is an Ordinance, submitted for Council's approval, for the purchase and acquisition of emergency radio communications equipment for the Oberlin Fire Department. The proposed equipment specified in the detailed quotation are hardware and software components required for communication operation within the recently implemented State of Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS).

As designed by Northrop Grumman for the State of Ohio, MARCS provides an 800 MHz digital trunked radio system. This system allows highly dependable voice communication between dispatch facilities, control station radios, mobile units, and handheld portable units. A 'trunked radio system' refers to the means by which relatively few radio channels are shared among a large number of users. This is accomplished using control equipment that manages functions like channel selection and access, freeing the user to focus on performing their emergency duties.

While the MARCS system has only become fully operational in December 2004, over 7,500 radio units are now being utilized by the Departments of Health, Natural Resources, Public Safety, State Fire Marshal, State Highway Patrol, Corrections, Transportation, Youth Services, and County EMA and Sheriff's Offices. It is anticipated that all emergency responder agencies will eventually acquire this equipment for emergency use.

Funding for this purchase is being provided through a 100% MARCS grant in the amount of \$83,843 obtained by the Fire Department from the Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services and the Ohio Department of Health. With all costs covered by the grant, there are no costs to the City for this purchase.

Since the State grant has an acquisition commitment deadline of June 30, they expect that we will follow-up our project bid with a confirmed purchase order on a timely basis. Accordingly, I would appreciate Council's consideration for emergency passage of this ordinance.

I will be available at the Council meeting to address questions.

Attachments