

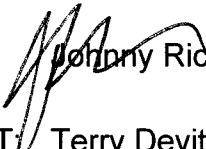


Interoffice Memorandum

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January 6, 2015

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
and the Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y15-1005-DG, Maintenance, Testing, Installation and Inspection of the Fire Alarm System, Fire Sprinkler System, Fire Suppression, Smoke Exhaust System and Kitchen Fire Hood System at the Orange County Convention Center.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y15-1005-DG, Maintenance, Installation, Testing and Inspection of the Fire Alarm System, Fire Sprinkler System, Fire Suppression, Smoke Exhaust System and Kitchen Fire Hood System at the Orange County Convention Center with the proprietary source, SimplexGrinnell LP, for 60 months renewable by the Procurement Division for an additional 60 months, in the estimated contract amount of \$4,007,960.

PROCUREMENT:

To provide continuing maintenance, testing, installation and inspection of the systems at the North/South and West Buildings of the Convention Center.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 4430 035 0933 3810.

APPROVALS:

The Convention Center concurs with this recommendation.

REMARKS:

The Convention Center has a SimplexGrinnell LP fire alarm system which includes sprinklers in the North/South Building. Also, Phase III of the West Building includes a newly installed SimplexGrinnell LP system. The systems that are currently in the West Building are SimplexGrinnell LP in Phases I, II and III, and Edwards System Technology (EST) in Phase IV. EST can no longer support the system and parts are becoming difficult to obtain. Therefore, a sole source contract with SimplexGrinnell to provide the upgrade, inspection and maintenance is appropriate to ensure compatibility and interoperability of a center wide system. Other considerations include:

- a. The software, firmware and UL listings are proprietary to SimplexGrinnell LP and all alterations to the system require SimplexGrinnell to reprogram the software. Therefore, all manufacturer software up-grades or enhancements to the systems require SimplexGrinnell LP service. Also, if another vendor provided services, they would be required to obtain assistance from SimplexGrinnell LP on any software issues.
- b. SimplexGrinnell LP is the only manufacturer that can perform inspections and maintenance while still insuring the integrated fire alarm system, proprietary software, firmware and UL listings are functioning properly and interfacing with the Convention Center command center.

SimplexGrinnell LP is recognized as the sole provider for this proprietary service. The prices reflected in the contract are higher than the previous contract due to service requirements necessary to meet current codes. Additional NFPA codes are included in the contract. The old contract was limited to NFPA 72 and NFPA 25, required testing and inspections for the FA and Sprinkler system respectively. Also, NFPA 92 has been added which requires testing and inspections of the smoke exhaust (not be confused with smoke control), and NFPA 96 and 17A, which require testing, inspections replacement of kitchen hood suppression equipment. Another addition is NFPA 2001, which performs required testing and inspection on the new clean agent system in the dock 7 MDF room.

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Under the last contract there were no clean agent systems in the building. With the newly SimplexGrinnell LP Phase III installation, this contract reflects the impact on the device count that will be in that phase of the building. SimplexGrinnell LP's prices are considered fair and reasonable as they are consistent with previous pricing.