

To: A&F Committee

Date: November 23, 2018

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Chief Operating Officer

Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Emergency Procurement for Upgrade and Replacement of Existing Fire Alarm System

BACKGROUND: The current fire alarm system at County Connection is the system that was installed when County Connection was built. This fire alarm system has provided County Connection with many years of service. The manufacturer no longer supports the existing panels making parts difficult to acquire to support the existing system.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES: In October 2018, Johnson Controls gave us recommendations after they had done the annual fire alarm inspection. John Controls informed County Connection that, "Deficiencies/impairments in our fire alarm system can result in unintended operation or failure of the system to operate." They strongly recommend immediate correction.

County Connection has a quotation from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$179,600 for upgrading and replacing the fire alarm system at County Connection. This project would include replacing all fire panels, horns, lights, pull stations, and wiring throughout the property. As a member of NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance), we are able to utilize the competitive bid of a Johnson Controls system that will meet County Connection's needs.

OPTION 1: The A&F Committee recommend that the County Connection Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls for the upgrade and replacement of our existing fire alarm system.

OPTION 2: Have On-Call Engineering Service develop a technical specification to replace the fire monitoring system, then go out to bid.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: County Connection has approved Grant funds available for this project:

Prop 1B:	\$179,600
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RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends that the A&F Committee recommend that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls for the upgrade and replacement of the fire alarm system.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff requests and recommends that the A&F Committee recommend that the Board of Directors at its December 20, 2018, meeting, adopt a Resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson Controls for the upgrade and replacement of the fire alarm system.