

**Date action is requested:** 2/24/2016

**Title:** Motion 2016-08 Authorization for the executive director to execute an amendment to the reimbursement agreement with Pierce County to fund up to \$3,739,524 net of applicable sales tax for the the VHF Overlay implementation

**Attachments:** Contract and amendment

**Type of action:** Motion

**SUBMITTED BY:** Andrew E. Neiditz, Executive Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Policy Board authorize the execution of the amendment in substantially the same form to fund the VHF Overlay implementation.

**BACKGROUND:** The VHF overlay project is a critical infrastructure that allows for public safety interoperability in rural settings and outlying areas while providing the ability for neighboring counties to communicate back and forth with jurisdictions in Pierce County. For fire service, it provides the critical fire station alerting system. The completion of the overlay helps to ensure that state, local and tribal public safety agencies from different jurisdictions and disciplines will be able communicate with each other.

The agreement with Pierce County will include the following obligations of the parties:

- The County and South Sound 911 will approve all Motorola Sign-Off Certificates
- The County will provide South Sound 911 will copies of all records upon request
- The County will provide a monthly, detailed spend-down plan for the project

The Policy Board previously approved the reimbursement agreement for the detailed design review and pledged up to \$5.5M for the total project to include implementation.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Not to implement a VHF Overlay system which would compromise radio coverage for first responders in the field and could prohibit radio interoperability with neighboring counties and prohibit the functionality of Fire Station Alerting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Not to exceed \$3,739,524 net of applicable sales tax via reimbursement to Pierce County. Amount is within previously budgeted funds.

- \$3,122,524 Motorola Change Order
- \$140,000 Site Upgrades
- \$137,000 Stantec Project Management
- \$340,000 project contingency (requires prior approval by South Sound 911)

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