

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Docket No. 911-011/PI-79
on its own motion, seeking to)
establish Phase II enhanced) ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL
wireless 911 service) VENDOR OF CHOICE
implementation.)
) Entered: November 13, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Act (the Act) provides in part, "The commission shall have any powers necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of the act."¹ Furthermore, "The commission shall determine the most efficient method for providing enhanced wireless 911 service."² In anticipation of the costs and data development associated with Phase II, the Commission established a process by which implementation of Phase II can be handled in an efficient and cost effective manner.

On May 21, 2004, as part of that process, the Commission issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to vendors in an effort to coordinate the purchase of Phase II equipment and services for all PSAPs that have implemented Phase I and require these resources. On August 31, 2004, the Commission designated Vendors of Choice for Phase II of Enhanced Wireless 911. The Commission has continued to allow new offerings and to approve new vendors of choice on a case-by-case basis.

On or About September 30, 2008, Ramsey Emergency Services, Inc., Williamsburg, IA (Ramsey) submitted a proposal and request to become a vendor of choice with certain equipment offerings.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Ramsey's request at its October 6, 2008 meeting and recommended that it be approved.

O P I N I O N S A N D F I N D I N G S

Although the Commission previously closed the RFP to amendments, based upon Ramsey's request, the Commission finds

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(3).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-464.

that the RFP can be opened for purposes of considering the request.

The Commission has reviewed Ramsey's submission. The proposed equipment described in the proposal meets or exceeds the Commission's original RFP requirements. Based upon the information provided and the recommendation made by the Advisory Board, the Commission hereby finds that the RFP should be amended to include Ramsey as a vendor of choice and to further include its equipment offering.

This Order does not authorize or guarantee reimbursement from the Fund. The issue of reimbursement will be decided on a case-by-case basis through the application process consistent with past practices of the Commission.

PSAPs must ensure that in choosing a vendor, they are required to ensure that they comply with all applicable laws regarding the bidding and awarding of contracts for the purchase of equipment and services. The approval of Ramsey, or any other vendor of choice, does not relieve the county or municipality from any state or local bidding requirements.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the RFP should be amended to include Ramsey, as a vendor of choice and to also include its equipment offering.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of November, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Director