

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Docket No. 911-011/PI-79
on its own motion, to)
establishing Phase II enhanced) ORDER DESIGNATING VENDORS
wireless 911 service) OF CHOICE FOR PHASE II
implementation.) ENHANCED WIRELESS 911
) SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION
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) Entered: August 31, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act¹ (the Act), the Commission and its staff have been actively assisting public safety answering points (PSAPs) and wireless carriers with implementation of wireless E911. The safety of Nebraska's residents requires coordinated and expeditious implementation of Enhanced Wireless 911 across the state.

Because implementation of Phase II Wireless Enhanced 911 Service (Phase II) requires that PSAPs meet certain technical requirements including having properly built map databases and hardware and software for processing Geographical Information System (GIS) data, it will require significant expenditures by the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund over time.

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.

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

The Act provides in part, "The commission shall have any powers necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of the act." ² Furthermore, "The commission shall determine the most efficient method for providing enhanced wireless 911 service."³

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-442 et seq. (Reissue 2002).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(3).

³ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-464.

On May 21, 2004, 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.

The Commission received nine responses to its RFP. The responses were reviewed and scored by the Review Committee consisting of the Director of the Wireless E911 Department, members of the Wireless E911 Advisory Board, and Commission Staff. Those vendors scoring 75 points or higher out of a possible 100 points were selected and recommended by the Committee and Wireless E911 Advisory Board to be designated as Vendors of Choice for Phase II. These Vendors of Choice are as follows:

Alltel/Plant
Contact One
GeoComm
GIS Workshop
Platte Valley/TCI/GeoComm
Qwest/Positron

The Commission finds that the above-listed Vendors of Choice shall be approved.

Workshops are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 15 and 16 at 1200 N Street, Suite 112, Lincoln, Nebraska, to allow each Vendor of Choice to meet with PSAP representatives to discuss the specific needs of the PSAPs for Phase II implementation. Issues to be addressed during the workshops will be limited to those services and equipment outlined in the RFP and the responses to the RFP. Additional products and services offered by the Vendors of Choice may be discussed at a later time. The PSAP will be responsible for costs of any additional items outside the scope of Phase II, including but not limited to AVL and CAD.

PSAPs will submit a Statement of Intent at the close of the workshops designating the Vendors of Choice they intend to use for implementation of Phase II. This Statement of Intent will be subject to Commission approval and will be used for information and planning purposes only.

PSAPs will contract directly with the individual Vendors of Choice for the purchase of Phase II equipment and services and will be eligible to seek funding from the Wireless Enhanced 911 fund for the necessary equipment and services. All contracts

between Vendors of Choice and PSAPs must comply with the provisions of the RFP and responses to the RFP and shall be submitted to the Commission for approval prior to execution.

The Commission with the assistance of the advisory board shall establish the schedule for implementation of Phase II. Payment for products and services pursuant to the RFP and responses to the RFP will be made by the Commission at the completion of the individual project in compliance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations, and Commission orders. In order to receive payment, Vendors of Choice must make all submissions required by the RFP, the Act, Commission rules and regulations, and Commission orders, including but not limited to:

- (1) Project Plans
- (2) Statements of Work

Should a PSAP wish to utilize a vendor other than the Vendors of Choice, it must receive approval from the Commission prior to the execution of any contract with the proposed vendor in order to receive reimbursement from the Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the following vendors are designated as "Vendors of Choice" for the implementation of Phase II Enhanced Wireless 911.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the workshops will be scheduled on September 14, 15, and 16, 2004, as set forth above at 1200 N Street, Suite 112, Lincoln, Nebraska from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that all Vendors of Choice and PSAPs shall comply with the requirements set forth herein and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act, Commission rules and regulations, and Commission orders.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of August, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director