

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.40  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
safety answering points for the )  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: ) Entered: January 26, 2021  
Mid-Rivers 911 Center. )

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about January 5, 2021, the Mid-Rivers 911 Center ("Mid-Rivers") public safety answering point ("PSAP") filed a request to use set aside funds to pay GeoComm for the development of geographic information system ("GIS") site/structure address point data for Webster County. Although GeoComm's quoted price to develop the requested GIS data is \$14,441.00<sup>1</sup>, the current total amount of Mid-Rivers set-aside balance \$8,453.70.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the funding request at its January 20, 2021 meeting and recommended that the request be approved.

## D I S C U S S I O N

Pursuant to the 911 Service System Act<sup>2</sup> (the "Act"), the Commission is responsible for allocating funding to PSAPs from the 911 Service System Fund.<sup>3</sup> Costs incurred by PSAPs for GIS systems and data are eligible for funding.<sup>4</sup>

PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for future purchases of equipment and software.<sup>5</sup> The GIS site/structure address point data

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<sup>1</sup> This amount equates to a cost of approximately \$5.78 per address point.

<sup>2</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1001 to 86-1029.03.

<sup>3</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1025(5).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Clay County*, Application No. 911-042.03, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (October 31, 2017).

<sup>5</sup> *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service*, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (Feb. 23, 2010).

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development is an eligible expense which may be paid entirely from a PSAP's set aside funds.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission's 911 GIS Data Policy<sup>7</sup> provides that GIS site/structure address point data must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for funding:

1. The Site/Structure Address Points layer is created alongside the creation or update of the related Street Centerline Layer. This will ensure accuracy and save time and money.
2. Each proposal submitted by a vendor for the creation or update of the Site/Structure Address Points layer must include a detailed breakdown of the cost per address point.
3. The Site/Structure Address Points layer must comply with the Nebraska Information Technology Commission ("NITC") standard for GIS data that consists of address points.<sup>8</sup>

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

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and the Advisory Board's recommendation, the Commission finds that the Mid-Rivers request to use set-aside funds should be approved. However, because Mid-Rivers reports that their current set-aside balance is less than the full \$14,441.00 cost to develop the GIS address point data, this request should be approved in an amount not to exceed the lesser of (i) \$14,441.00 or (ii) the Mid-Rivers set-aside balance at the time of payment. Moreover, pursuant to the GIS Policy, payment to the vendor for the GIS site/structure address point data shall not be made until written confirmation by the Commission's GIS Specialist that the data delivered by the vendor meets applicable NITC standards, including NITC 3-206 Address Standard.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: City of Alliance*, Application No. 911-042.57, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING (Mar. 3, 2020).

<sup>7</sup> *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and review funding, standards and policies relating to Geographic Information Systems data necessary for the provision of Next Generation 911 service*, Application No. 911-061/PI-192, ORDER ADOPTING STANDARDS (Oct. 17, 2017).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*, Appendix A.

<sup>9</sup> <https://nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/3-206.pdf>.

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## O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the use of set-aside funds by Mid-Rivers is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed the lesser of (i) \$14,441.00 or (ii) the Mid-Rivers set-aside balance at the time of payment, **provided, however**, that pursuant to the GIS Policy, payment shall not be made to the vendor until written confirmation by the Commission's GIS Specialist that the data delivered by the vendor meets applicable NITC standards, including NITC 3-206 Address Standard.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rod Johnson*  
*Crystal Brander*  
*Mary Kadden*  
*Tim Schram*

*Don Watson*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Michael S. Hyatt*  
Executive Director