

**RESOLUTION NO. 2140**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT FOR AN UPGRADE TO THE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR NEXT GENERATION 911 NETWORK TELEPHONE SYSTEM FROM QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A CENTURYLINK QC**

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2016, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

**WHEREAS**, the Ada County Board of Commissioners is charged by Idaho Code Title 31, Chapter 48 to operate the consolidated Ada County Emergency Communications Center (“Dispatch Center”) as the consolidated emergency communications system for all public safety entities operated by the cities, fire districts, ambulance districts and Ada County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dispatch Center’s current 911 Telephone System (“System”) has reached an end-of-life state and requires an equipment and services upgrade; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2808(2)(v), the Board of County Commissioners is permitted to use sole source procurement where there is only one vendor for the personal property or services for which there is no functional equivalent; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2808(2)(ii), the Board of County Commissioners is permitted to use sole source procurement where the compatibility of the equipment, components, computer software, replacement parts or service is the paramount consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the age of the current System, there is a lack of interoperability between the Dispatch Center and other Southwest Idaho Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs); and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to maintain the same call handling equipment platform at all PSAPs that desire to be interoperable; and

**WHEREAS**, other Southwest Idaho PSAPs utilize the West VIPER Systems 911 Call Handling Equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, an upgrade to the System at the Dispatch Center would create interoperability between the Dispatch Center and other PSAPs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ada County Board of Commissioners has obligated funds from the Emergency Communications Fund for the upgrade of the System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ada County Board of Commissioners desires to proceed with a sole source resolution regarding an upgrade to the System, specifically by replacing outdated West VIPER Systems 911 Call Handling Equipment and associated software; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dispatch Center currently uses Qwest Communications d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) , for equipment and services to maintain the System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ada County Sheriff’s Office has inquired and found CenturyLink to be the only approved available source of Next Generation 911 updated West VIPER Systems 911 Call Handling Equipment and onsite, 24/7 services, for a complete, purpose-built 911 emergency communications network; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a letter from CenturyLink dated May 31, 2016 (Exhibit 1 attached hereto), CenturyLink is the only provider of the 911 Network services and required support in Ada County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a letter from West VIPER Systems, dated May 31, 2016 (Exhibit 2 attached hereto), West is the only provider and manufacturer of necessary components that CenturyLink alone maintains related to West VIPER Systems 911 Call Handling Equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Ada County Commissioners desires to enter into a contract with CenturyLink for an upgrade to the System that will expire on September 30, 2016.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Ada County Commissioners hereby intends to contract with Qwest Communications d/b/a CenturyLink QC, for equipment and services to upgrade the Next Generation 911 Network Telephone System at the Ada County Dispatch Center.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

**Board of Ada County Commissioners**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Tibbs, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Case, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Christopher D. Rich, Ada County Clerk

**EXHIBIT 1**

(Letter from CenturyLink – attached)



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May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**Reference:** CenturyLink E-911 Network

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to notify you regarding the E-911 Network for the Ada County PSAP.

CenturyLink is the current and only 911 Network and Database provider in Ada County, ID. This network, serving both wire line and wireless calls, is currently under contract through 09/30/2016.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

Thank you,

DocuSigned by:  
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**EXHIBIT 2**

(Letter from West VIPER Systems – attached)



May 31, 2016

Reference: Ada County, Idaho, West VIPER® Systems

To whom it may concern:

West Safety Services, Inc. ("West") is pleased to confirm that it is the sole source manufacturer of West VIPER Systems. West VIPER Systems are not available from any other manufacturer.

In this situation, West has authorized CenturyLink to distribute, install and maintain these systems, and to West's knowledge is the only distributor to offer such systems or services to the above-named customer. CenturyLink has been trained to provide 24x7x365 support on the West VIPER system.

If the meantime, if you have any question or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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