

February 17, 2006

Ald. Robert Bauman, Chairman
Public Works Committee
Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Dear Ald. Bauman:

Subject: Upcoming Resolutions

1. Sole Source with Siemens Building Technology – Fire Life/Safety
2. Sole Source with Toepfer Security Corporation – Access Control/Security

The Department of Public Works annually enters into sole source agreements with Siemens Building Technologies to modify and service our computerized fire life/safety system and Toepfer Security Corporation to monitor and service our computerized access control/security systems that are monitored at the City Hall Information Center. In the case of Siemens, the system used requires proprietary software to operate which can only be serviced by one vendor. In the case of the Toepfer contract, our rationale for using a sole source is to limit the amount of information available to the public about our security systems. As such, we have an existing non-disclosure agreement with this firm. Additionally, any firm we contracted with would need to be an authorized Software House dealer in order to service and maintain our system. Toepfer meets this requirement. These are five year contracts mutually agreed upon annually.

We have attached resolutions in draft form for the above two items where we have adjusted the wording so that for the remainder of the contractual period, two (2) years, we will no longer have to renew on an annual basis.

If you have any questions regarding this resolution, please feel free to contact me prior to the Public Works Committee meeting so we can address those issues with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

venu j. gupta, Superintendent
Buildings and Fleet Services

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Attachments

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