

March 21, 2006

To the Honorable
Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Dear Council Members:

The Department of Public Works has a computerized fire life/safety system with various digital field control units which monitor fire alarm conditions for the City Hall Complex and numerous other facilities.

Building modifications require that changes be made to the fire life/safety system to control new and modified equipment. An authorized dealer with certified staff is required to complete this work. Additionally, the manufacturer requires that only one vendor be supplied the access code needed to program the system; this vendor is, of course, our choice.

The computerized fire life/safety system with a multitude of localized and remote field panels was installed and serviced by the Siemens Corporation. It would, therefore, be in the best interests of the City of Milwaukee to procure the necessary equipment, materials, and services to make required modifications to our fire life/safety systems from the Siemens Corporation in order to provide compatibility of equipment and undivided responsibility for maintaining and servicing equipment.

We, therefore, respectfully recommend that adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to extend our current contract through its term to procure the necessary equipment, material, and services to make modifications to our fire life/safety system from the Siemens Corporation.

Very truly yours,

venu J. GUPTA, Superintendent
Buildings and Fleet Services

JEFFREY J. MANTES
Commissioner of Public Works

Attachments

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