

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**NOVEMBER 11, 2004 AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 4 FILE 040980
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File No. 040980 is a resolution relating to acceptance of a Mobil Satellite Internet System from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family services. (Fire Department)

Background and Discussion

1. The Milwaukee Fire Department operates one of eight regional HazMat teams.
2. Through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (WDHFS), MFD is eligible to receive a local share of the 2004 Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant, in the form of an equipment grant.
3. Milwaukee is the last regional HazMat team to receive the award. Other recipients include Racine, Appleton, Fond du Lac, La Crosse, Madison, Superior, and Wausau Hazmat teams.
4. File 040980 authorizes the MFD HazMat team to receive one Mobile Satellite Internet System (MSIS), a high-grade commercial auto deploy satellite system that easily mounts on top of vehicles. Hughes Business Plus will install the system, provide the Internet service, and system support.

Hughes DirecWay DW4020 Modem:

(front/side view)



(back view)



(dish)



(dish placement)



5. The system can operate only on parked vehicles.
6. The wireless high-speed Internet access technology would enable two-way communications between the MFD HazMat team and the State Laboratory of Hygiene. According to MFD, MSIS would not interface with other city computer systems.
7. MFD estimates the value of the equipment grant at \$21,000, including installation and a 3-year extended maintenance contract.

Fiscal Impact

Adopting File 040980 authorizes the fire department to accept and receive an equipment grant valued at approximately \$21,000.

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