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Washtenaw County Awards Federal Engineering a Contract for Emergency Communications Services

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, January 29, 2024 — The County of Washtenaw, Michigan Sheriff’s Office has awarded Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) a contract to create a strategic development framework for emergency communications and emergency management services.

Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry L. Clayton stated: “In today’s age, the need for updated and state-of-the-art emergency communications is vital to serving an ever-increasing population in and around Washtenaw County. In order to meet these elevated standards, we require the services of a consulting firm that can bring “lessons learned” from the industry and other jurisdictions to our project. It was clear from their proposal that Federal Engineering has the knowledge, experience, and dedication to fulfill our needs.”

Sheriff Clayton continued: “**FE** will provide the following services:

1. Assess Washtenaw Metro Dispatch existing operations.
2. Assess the feasibility of providing dispatch services to all law enforcement agencies in Washtenaw County.
3. Assess the feasibility of providing dispatch services to all law enforcement agencies in Washtenaw County and the City of Ann Arbor Fire Department.
4. Assess the feasibility of providing dispatch services to all law enforcement and public fire service agencies (i.e., fire departments) in Washtenaw County.

At the conclusion, Federal Engineering will deliver a detailed assessment and well-organized recommendations that are grounded in national best-practices, public safety communications industry trends, the mission of the Sheriff’s Office, and the operational philosophy of the Sheriff’s Emergency Services Division.

Mr. Jeffrey Paré, Director of Business Development for Federal Engineering provided more details: “Because **FE** has been serving clients in the U.S. for over 40 years, we know the distinctive conditions impacting communications centers throughout the country. Our goal is to equip the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office with enough experience and knowledge to implement the best procedures to enhance the County’s immediate and future dispatching needs.”

Federal Engineering is a leading, nationwide firm providing analysis, design, procurement, and implementation support for NG9-1-1, PSAPs, EOCs, and RTCCs. These services complement **FE’s** wide range of consulting services in public safety and public service communications involving VHF, UHF, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, and 4.9GHz mobile radio systems as well as LTE and CBRS. **FE’s** cybersecurity practice helps our clients defend against today’s complex and ever-changing threat landscape. **FE** personnel also serve as trusted advisors assisting clients to assess services such as

FirstNet® and the impacts of new technologies on their current and future plans. Since 1983, **FE** has completed thousands of communications projects in all 50 states for numerous state, local, and federal government clients as well as Canadian clients.

In addition to its public sector work, Federal Engineering provides design and implementation support services for voice, data, and video networks used in the transportation, utilities, finance, education, and computer services industries. **FE's** certified independence ensures that clients receive objective, unbiased consulting services that are not influenced by any technology, product, vendor, or approach.

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