

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date: October 17, 2023**

**Consent**      [ ] **Regular**  
 **Ordinance**    [ ] **Public Hearing**

**Department: Facilities Development & Operations**

**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: an Interlocal Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Drug Enforcement Administration – Miami Field Division (“Participant”) allowing for interoperable communications through the countywide common talk groups of the County’s Public Safety Radio System (“System”) from November 5, 2023 through November 4, 2028.

**Summary:** This Agreement provides the terms and conditions under which the Participant can program into its radios and utilize the countywide common talk groups for certain types of inter-agency communications. The County’s System will not be utilized for routine operational communications by the Participant. The terms of the Agreement are standard and have been offered to all municipalities and local branches of state and federal agencies with 800 MHz trunked radio capabilities. There are no charges associated with this Agreement. The Participant is required to pay all costs associated with Participant’s subscriber units and to comply with the established operating procedures for the County’s System. The Agreement provides for an initial term of five (5) years with two (2) renewal options, each for a period of five (5) years. This Agreement may be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon ten (10) days prior notice to the other party. There is no fiscal impact associated with this Agreement. **(ESS) Countywide (MWJ)**

**Background and Justification:** This Agreement provides interoperability via use of the countywide common talk groups, which is the lowest level of interoperability approved by the Communications Systems and Operations Policy Advisory Committee. The Participant has utilized interoperable communications through the countywide common talk groups since 2013. The Participant will only be able to access the common talk groups for specified types of communications and will conduct routine operational communications on its own radio system. As such, there is no capacity impact to the County and hence no charges associated with this Agreement.

**Attachments:**  
Interlocal Agreement

**Recommended By:** MB *Ermine C. Ayala*      *9/20/23*  
                                         **Department Director**                                            **Date**

**Approved By:** *J. Baker*      *10/3/23*  
                                         **County Administrator**                                            **Date**

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

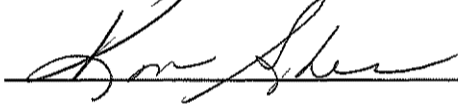
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External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<u>0*</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b># ADDITIONAL FTE</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>POSITIONS</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>(Cumulative)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Is Item Included in Current Budget:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Account No: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Dept \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program \_\_\_\_\_

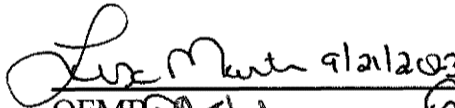
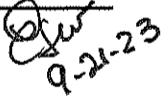

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

\*There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.


**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:** 

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development Comments:**

<p><u></u> 9/21/2023                  OFMB 9/21</p>	<p><u></u> 9-21-23</p>	<p><u></u> 9/27/23                  Contract Development and Control                  9/27/23</p>
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**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

 10/3/23  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director

**This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.**

**800 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County") and the Drug Enforcement Administration- Miami Field Division, a part of the United States Government ("Agency").

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the County is continually identifying more effective service delivery methods which result in enhanced public safety and overall savings to the taxpayers of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has purchased, designed, installed, and operates a Public Safety Radio System that supports the needs of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services, and various Palm Beach County general government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Agency have determined that the ability to provide interoperable communications is critical to the effective and efficient provision of public safety and general government services; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined to be mutually beneficial to both Parties to execute this Agreement which sets forth the parameters under which the Agency can access the Common Talk Groups established on the County's Public Safety Radio System to receive the public safety benefit of interoperability; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, permits public agencies to enter into Agreements to jointly exercise any power, privilege or authority which such agencies share in common and which each might exercise separately.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in conjunction with the mutual covenants, promises and representations contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the parameters under which the County will provide access to the Common Talk Groups established on the County System specifically to provide interoperable communications among public safety and general government agencies capable of accessing this feature of the County System. This Agreement also identifies the conditions of use and ability of the Agency to participate in the operational decisions relating to the use of the Common Talk Groups.

**SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS**

**2.01 Agency Equipment:** Also known as “agency radios,” are Agency owned P25 compliant handheld and mobile radios and control stations that operate in the 800 MHz spectrum and that have the ability to be programmed and used on the County’s System.

**2.02 Common Talk Groups:** Talk groups established on the County’s System that are made available to County agencies, municipalities and other non-County agencies for interoperable communications between agencies for the purpose of providing mutual assistance and planning and execution of on-scene operations.

**2.03 County Talk-Groups:** Talk groups established on the County’s System that are made available to County agencies providing for inter-departmental communications. These talk groups are reserved for particular departments/agencies and only available to outside departments by separate agreements.

**2.04 Radio Alias:** The unique name assigned to an operator’s radio that displays on the dispatcher’s console when a radio transmits.

**2.05 SmartZone Controller:** The SmartZone Controller is the central computer that controls the operation of the County’s Public Safety Radio System. The SmartZone Controller manages access to System features, functions, and talk-groups.

**2.06 System:** The Public Safety Radio System funded, purchased, installed, maintained and owned by the County.

**2.07 System Manager:** An employee within the County’s Electronic Services & Security Division of the Department of Facilities Development & Operations with the title Radio System Manager who is responsible for day to day administration and management of the System and the County’s designated contact person pursuant to various sections of this Agreement.

**SECTION 3: ADMINISTRATION**

**3.01 System Contact.** The Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division’s System Manager will be the Agency’s day to day contact and can be reached at 561-233-0837. The Electronic Services & Security Division is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding County holidays. After hours emergency contact will be made through the County’s Emergency Operations Dispatch Center at 561-712-6428 and the appropriate contact will be made.

**3.02 CRSSC.** The System Maintenance and Administration Plan as referenced on Attachment I hereto, identifies the general procedures for the management of the System and procedures for input through the user committees into operating procedure development. The plan establishes the Countywide Radio System Steering Committee (CRSSC), which is responsible for overseeing and implementing the policies and procedures for the County’s System.

**3.03 Compliance with System Policies and Procedures.** The Agency shall follow all policies and standard operating procedures in place at the time of this Agreement as well as those developed in the future and issued to the Agency by the System Manager. The Agency agrees to comply with any enforcement actions required by these policies and procedures for misuse or abuse of the County's System.

#### **SECTION 4: COUNTY SYSTEM & RESPONSIBILITIES**

**4.01 County System.** The County System consists of eleven (11) transmit and receive sites with co-located microwave equipment and three (3) microwave only sites that provide network connectivity as well as the SmartZone Controller.

**4.02 Coverage for Common Talk Groups.** The County System provides seamless County-wide portable and mobile radio coverage for the Common Talk Groups. The radio coverage for the Common Talk Groups is identical to that of other County Talk Groups that reside on the County's System.

**4.03 County Responsibilities for System Maintenance and Operations.** The County shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the County's System, including all costs associated with permitting and licensing.

**4.04 Scheduled Outages.** The County shall maintain the coverage as described in the County's contract with Motorola R2015-1673, dated 11/17/15, throughout the term of this Agreement except for times of scheduled preventive maintenance, where it will be required to disable portions of the network for a pre-determined length of time or during times of system failures. The Agency shall be notified of scheduled preventive maintenance, pursuant to the policies and procedures referenced on Attachment I hereto.

**4.05 Management.** The County shall be responsible for talk group and fleet mapping management in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth on Attachment I, as may be amended and updated from time to time.

#### **SECTION 5: AGENCY EQUIPMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**5.01 Agency Equipment.** The Agency's equipment will be P25 compliant 800 MHz mobile, portable, and control station equipment programmed to be used on the County's System. Equipment other than that manufactured by Motorola shall be approved by the System Manager prior to purchase by the Agency. The Agency is required to keep its equipment in proper operating condition and the Agency is responsible for maintenance of its radio equipment.

**5.02 Agreement Limited to Common Talk Groups.** The Agency will only program the Common Talk Groups and the individual unit ID numbers assigned by the System Manager as part of this Agreement. The Agency will **not** program into its radios the County operational talk groups without a letter of authorization or a signed agreement from the County.

**5.03 Agency Contacts.** The Agency shall provide the County with a list of persons/positions, which are authorized to request activating/deactivating existing units or new units. No programming will be undertaken by the Agency or its service provider until requested and approved in writing by the System Manager.

**5.04 County Confidential Information.** The Agency shall receive certain access codes to the County's System to enable the Common Talk Groups to be programmed into its equipment. *The access codes are considered to be exempt and confidential security system information under F.S. 119.071(3) and must not be released to the public or unauthorized persons.* The access codes are to be treated as confidential information and the Agency is responsible for safeguarding and protecting the confidentiality of the code information from release to unauthorized parties. All confidential security system information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the County ("Confidential Information") will be kept confidential by the Agency and will not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the County's prior written consent, unless required by law or lawful order. All system parameters shall remain the County's property, and may only be reproduced or distributed with the written permission of the County. The Agency agrees that the County has sole and exclusive ownership of all right, title and interest to the Confidential Information and may be recalled at any time.

**5.04.01 Authorized Parties.** Service staff directly employed by the Agency shall be considered authorized to receive access and programming codes for the maintenance of the Agency's radio equipment. Commercial service providers are not considered authorized to receive access to programming codes for the System. If the Agency plans to use commercial services for its system or subscriber unit maintenance, the Agency must include confidentiality requirements in their contracts with the commercial service providers acceptable to the System Manager before access or programming codes may be released to these companies.

**5.04.02 Commercial Service Providers.** Commercial maintenance service providers are **not** considered authorized to receive access to programming codes for the County's System, unless meeting the requirements of Section 5.04.03 and/or 5.04.04 below. If the Agency does not have employees capable of programming Agency radio equipment or prefers to have others program Agency radio equipment, then: 1) it may request that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue or Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division program Agency's radio equipment under the terms of a separate agreement, or 2) it may request that another Federal agency, State agency and/or City that has in-house service personnel and an agreement with the County program Agency's radio equipment.

**5.04.03 County Review of Existing Service Provider Agreements.** If the Agency uses a commercial service provider to program Agency radio equipment at the time of execution of this Agreement, and desires that the commercial service provider program the Agency radio equipment with the Common Talk Groups, the Agency must submit its existing contract with the commercial service provider to the System Manager for review. The review will focus on whether the contract terms between the Agency and the commercial service provider are adequate to protect the County's System from misuse,

harm or release of access and programming codes to unauthorized persons. Notwithstanding the previous statement, the County retains the right, in its sole opinion with or without written reason or cause, to approve or disapprove the use of a commercial service provider. If approved, the System Manager will release the access and programming codes to the commercial service provider. The Agency will be responsible for ensuring that the commercial service provider adheres to the terms of this Agreement pertaining to the proper use of programming codes and radio equipment and pertaining to the safeguarding and protection of the confidentiality of the access codes. If not approved, the Agency shall use the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, or the Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division to program Agency radio equipment with Common Talk Groups.

**5.04.04 Review of Bid Documents for Service Provider.** If the Agency intends to use a commercial service provider to program Agency radio equipment with the Common Talk Groups, the Agency shall submit the appropriate bid documents/contract to the System Manager for approval prior to soliciting a bid or quote from the commercial service provider. The System Manager will work with the Agency to develop the appropriate language for the contract which will allow for approval of the commercial service provider. Notwithstanding the previous statement, the County retains the right, in its sole opinion with or without written reason or cause, to approve or disapprove the use of a commercial service provider. If approved, the System Manager will release the access and programming codes to the commercial service provider. The Agency will be responsible for ensuring that the commercial service provider adheres to the terms of this Agreement pertaining to the proper use of the programming codes and radio equipment use and the terms requiring the safeguarding and protection of the confidentiality of the access codes. If not approved, the Agency shall use the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, or Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division to program Agency radio equipment with Common Talk Groups.

**5.04.05 Survival.** The provisions of this section regarding the Agency's duty to keep the County's access codes confidential shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

**5.05 Malfunctioning Agency Equipment.** The Agency is solely responsible for the performance and the operation of the Agency equipment and any damages or liability resulting from the use thereof. Should the County identify malfunctioning Agency owned equipment; the County will request that the Agency discontinue use of the specific device until the repairs are completed. The County may, in its discretion, disable the equipment from the System after properly notifying the Agency in writing if the device is causing interference to the System.

**5.06 Stolen or Lost Agency Radios.** In the case of lost or stolen equipment, the Agency will notify the System Manager by e-mail authorizing the System Manager to disable the equipment. The authorization shall provide the County issued individual unit ID number and the serial number of the radio. The System Manager will advise via e-mail when the radio has been disabled. A request by the Agency to re-activate a disabled radio must be in writing by e-mail to the System Manager.

**SECTION 6: SUBSCRIBER UNIT INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY AGENCY**

The Agency will be required to provide to the County an initial inventory of the radios that are proposed to be programmed for use of the Common Talk Groups, along with the State issued ID numbers. The Agency will provide the following information to the County:

- Radio manufacturer and model numbers.
- Radio serial numbers.
- Requested aliases to be programmed.

The System Manager will then compile this information and transmit to the Agency a matrix of the County-wide Talk Groups, aliases that will be matched to the State issued ID numbers prior to the Agency's radios being activated on the County's System. The Agency is responsible for adhering to the Talk-Group and Radio ID allocations established by the County. The County's Talk-Group and Radio ID allocations are on file with the County and available upon request.

**SECTION 7: UTILIZATION AND MONITORING OF COMMON TALK GROUPS**

**7.01 Purpose of Common Talk Groups.** The Common Talk Groups were implemented specifically for inter-agency communication among multiple agencies, regardless of their specific discipline or affiliation. They were also created to allow communications between agencies without requiring cross-programming operational talk groups in each agency's radios.

Typical Usage Scenario:

- A unit requesting to coordinate a multi-jurisdictional operation or call for mutual assistance, places a call on the Call Talk Group for the appropriate discipline (i.e. Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, or Local Government) to the dispatch center of the required agency(ies).
- The responding dispatch center assigns one of the Common Talk Groups to the requesting unit and contacts its agency's unit(s) and requests that the user switch to the corresponding talk group.
- The participating units would communicate on the Common Talk Group(s) and upon completion of the operation; the talk-group is cleared of all radio traffic and put back into the pool for other agencies.

**7.02 Approved Uses.** Usage of the Common Talk Groups is authorized to coordinate multi-jurisdictional fire/law enforcement/disaster recovery operations such as fires requiring multi-agency responses, police pursuit through multiple jurisdictions and coordination and response to local emergencies and disasters. Other authorized uses include undercover operations, investigations, perimeter communications, fire ground coordination, scene security and landing zone communications requiring participation of multiple agencies and disciplines.



In addition, the Common Talk Groups can be used by any agency experiencing catastrophic failure of its own communication system for a determined amount of time. A request to utilize the Common Talk Groups for this situation requires permission of the System Manager. Once approved by the System Manager, the Common Talk Groups can be temporarily utilized until repair of the agency's communication system is complete.

**7.03 Prohibited Uses.** The Common Talk Groups shall not be used for every-day routine communications or as an extra talk group for agencies that have cross programming agreements and duplicated talk groups programmed into their radios. Other prohibited uses include communications for special events and operations, use as an additional dispatch, administrative or a car to car talk group for a single agency.

**7.04 Required Monitoring.** Agencies requesting to use the Common Talk Groups by this Agreement have a requirement to monitor the Calling Talk Group in their respective dispatch center to respond to calls for assistance from field units. The dispatch centers which combine more than one discipline in their dispatch center are required to monitor the disciplines which are dispatched. Agencies which do not utilize their own dispatch center are not required to monitor the Calling Talk Group.

## **SECTION 8: LIABILITY**

**8.01 No Representation as to Fitness.** The County makes no representations about the design or capabilities of the County's System. The Agency has decided to enter into this Agreement and use the County's System on the basis of having interoperability with the County and/or other municipalities during times of mutual aid and/or joint operations. The County agrees to use its best reasonable efforts to provide the Agency with full use of the Common Talk Groups but makes no guarantee as to the continual, uninterrupted use of the System, or its fitness for the communication needs of the Agency.

**8.02 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** The Parties to this Agreement and their respective officers and employees shall not be deemed to assume any liability for the acts, omissions and negligence of the other party. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the County under §768.28, Florida Statutes or of the Agency under 28 USC 1346 et seq. Each party shall be liable for its own actions and negligence. The parties acknowledge that 31 USC 1341 and 41 USC 11 prohibit Federal agencies from entering any agreement that requires a Federal user to indemnify and/or hold harmless another party where the amount of the government's liability is indefinite, indeterminate or potentially unlimited. The Agency is a self-insured Federal entity supported by the U.S. Government. Under the Federal Tort Claims Act, Title 28 U.S.C 1346 et seq., the U.S. Government accepts liability for the loss or destruction of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of any employee of the government while acting within the scope of his or her office.

**8.03 No Responsibility for Third Party Claims.** Neither the County nor the Agency shall be liable to each other or for any third party claim, which may arise out of the services provided hereunder or of the radio System itself, its operation or use, or its failure to operate as anticipated, upon whatever cause of action any claim is based. The System is designed to assist qualified law

enforcement, fire, and other emergency service professionals. It is not intended to be a substitute for the exercise of judgment or supervision of these professionals. Both parties acknowledge that the responsibility for providing law enforcement, fire, or other emergency services rests with the agency which is providing such service and not necessarily either party to this Agreement.

**8.04 No Consequential Damages.** The terms and conditions of this Agreement incorporate all the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of the parties to each other. The remedies provided herein are exclusive. The County and the Agency waive all other remedies with respect to each other, including, but not limited to, consequential and incidental damages.

**8.05 Survival.** The provisions of this section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 9: OWNERSHIP OF ASSETS**

All assets maintained under this Agreement will remain assets of the respective party.

#### **SECTION 10: TERM OF AGREEMENT**

**10.01 Initial Term.** The initial term of this Agreement is for five (5) years and shall commence from November 5, 2023 upon full execution of this Agreement.

**10.02 Renewals.** The Agreement may be renewed for two (2) additional terms of five (5) years each. At least six (6) months prior to the expiration of this Agreement's term, the Agency shall provide the County with a request to renew this Agreement. Such renewal will require approval of both parties and the County may not unreasonably withhold its approval of the renewal.

**10.03 Existing Interlocal Terminated.** This Agreement when effective terminates and replaces the Interlocal Agreement between County and Agency R2013-1565.

#### **SECTION 11: AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT**

This Agreement may be amended from time to time by written amendment as agreed to by all parties.

#### **SECTION 12: TERMINATION**

This Agreement may be terminated by either party, with or without cause upon ten (10) days written notice to the other party. Upon notice of termination, the System Manager will proceed to disable the Agency's radios from the County's System. It will be the responsibility of the Agency to reprogram the Agency's radios removing the County's System information from the radios. The Agency will complete reprogramming the Agency's radios within sixty (60) days of the date of termination. An agency with greater than one hundred (100) radios will be given ninety (90) days to re-program its radios.

**SECTION 13: NOTICES**

Any notice given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. The effective date of such notice shall be the date of receipt, as evidenced by the Return Receipt. All notices shall be addressed to the following:

As to the County:

County Administrator  
301 North Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Director, Facilities Development & Operations  
2633 Vista Parkway  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411-5603

With a copy to:

Radio System Manager  
Palm Beach County Electronic Services & Security Division  
2601 Vista Parkway  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411-5610

County Attorney's Office  
301 North Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

As to the Agency:

Deanne L. Reuter, Special Agent in Charge  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Miami Field Division  
2100 N. Commerce Pkwy  
Weston, FL 33326

**SECTION 14: APPLICABLE LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Agreement will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida.

**SECTION 15: FILING**

A copy of this Agreement shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County.

**SECTION 16: ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement and any Attachments hereto constitute all agreements, conditions and understandings between the County and the Agency concerning access to the Common Talk Groups. All representations, either oral or written, shall be deemed to be merged into this Agreement, except as herein otherwise provided, no subsequent alteration, waiver, change or addition to this Agreement shall be binding upon the County or Agency unless reduced to writing and signed by them.

**SECTION 17: DELEGATION OF DUTY**

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the delegation of the Constitutional or Statutory duties of the County's or the Agency's officers.

**SECTION 18: PALM BEACH COUNTY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General is authorized with the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records. The Inspector General's authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of entities contracting with the County, or anyone acting on their behalf, in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and to detect corruption and fraud. Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be a violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

**SECTION 19: NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY**

No provision of this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Agreement, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the County and/or Agency.

**SECTION 20: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The County is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the Agency warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national

origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Agreement.

**SECTION 21: ASSIGNMENT**

Agency may not assign, mortgage, pledge, or encumber this Agreement in whole or in part, without prior written consent of County, which may be granted or withheld at the County's absolute discretion. This provision shall be construed to include a prohibition against an assignment, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance or sublease, by operation of law, legal process, receivership, bankruptcy, or otherwise, whether voluntary or involuntary.

**SECTION 22: SEVERABILITY**

If any term of the Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement, or the application of such term to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term of the Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**SECTION 23: COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

**SECTION 24: ANNUAL BUDGETARY FUNDING/CANCELLATION**

This Agreement and all obligations of County and Agency hereunder requiring the expenditure of funds are subject to and contingent upon annual budgetary funding and appropriations.

**SECTION 25: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Agreement is expressly contingent upon the approval of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and shall become effective only when signed by all Parties and approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

**SECTION 26: E-VERIFY – EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY**

26.01 Agency warrants and represents that it is in compliance with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, , and that it: (1) is registered with the E-Verify System (E-Verify.gov), and uses the E-Verify System to electronically verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired workers; and (2) has verified that all of the Agency's contractors and subcontractors performing any duties and obligations under this Agreement are registered with and use the E-Verify System to electronically verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired workers.

**26.02** County shall terminate this Agreement if it has a good faith belief that Agency has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes as may be amended.

**ATTACHMENT I**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Policy / Procedure Title

1. Countywide Use of 800 MHz System (O.P. # I-01)
2. Countywide Use of 800 MHz System Talk Groups (O.P. # I-04)
3. Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Safety Radio System Talk Groups (O.P. # I-05)
4. Emergency Medical Communications (O.P. # I-06)
5. Reporting of Problems and Modifications of the Public Safety Radio System (O.P. # I-07)
6. Countywide Use of Public Safety Radio System During Times of Catastrophic Failure which result in non-trunking "conventional" operation (O.P. # I-10)
7. System Maintenance and Administration Plan

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

**JOSPEH ABRUZZO**  
**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT**  
**COURT & COMPTROLLER**

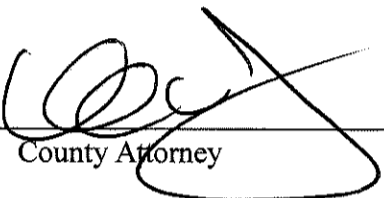
**PALM BEACH COUNTY**, a political  
subdivision of the State of Florida

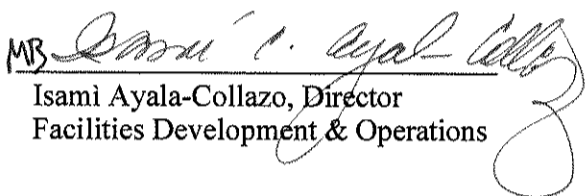
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL**  
**SUFFICIENCY:**

**APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND**  
**CONDITIONS:**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Isami Ayala-Collazo, Director  
Facilities Development & Operations

**WITNESS:**

**AGENCY: DRUG ENFORCEMENT**  
**ADMINISTRATION-MIAMI**

By: **BRIAN WARNER** Digitally signed by BRIAN WARNER  
Date: 2023.09.11 12:16:14 -04'00' \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian K. Warner, Group Supervisor

By: **DEANNE REUTER** Digitally signed by DEANNE REUTER  
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