



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2026

TO: Alderman Frost, Chair
Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee

FROM: Rebecca Tyo, Fire Chief

RE: Award of Joint Purchase - Communication Equipment

CONTRACT DETAILS

Vendor: GenComm Inc. of Madison, WI

Contract Amount: \$75,975.⁶⁰

Contract Duration: One-time Purchase

Funding Source: Fire Department Capital Budget

NARRATIVE

The Rockford Fire Department is proposing an award of a joint purchase to GenComm Inc. of Madison, WI, to purchase and program six L3Harris XL400 portable radios, in the amount of \$75,975.⁶⁰.

The new L3Harris portable radios will replace existing units that are over 14 years old. The current units have experienced prolonged repair times exceeding 8-12 months, attributable to their age and limited parts availability. As of 2024, the units are no longer supported and do not qualify for the renewed warranty. Continued use of the existing portable radios poses a safety hazard, and repair costs are expected to increase exponentially moving forward.

This purchase will be made through a contract with the NASPO ValuePoint cooperative purchasing program with GenComm.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rebecca Tyo, Fire Chief, at 779-500-6526.

RESOLUTION
of the
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION AWARDING JOINT PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances for the City of Rockford, Illinois, provides as in Chapter 4, Article VI, Division 4, that all purchases for and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services, the value of which is estimated to exceed \$25,000, shall be based on competitive solicitation and awarded by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, competitive proposals were NOT received for the City of Rockford for the following, but the City has chosen to substitute a competitive solicitation conducted by another jurisdiction, as allowed in the Code of Ordinances, for the following:

COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Finance and Personnel Committee of the City Council for the City of Rockford, Illinois has reviewed the staff recommendation for the aforementioned item(s) and recommends awarding the contract as follows:

Vendor: GENCOMM INC. of MADISON, WI
Amount: \$75,975.60

WHEREAS, the Finance and Personnel Committee has determined that the funding for the aforementioned purchase shall be as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement with GENCOMM INC. of MADISON, WI for COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT in the amount of \$75,975.60, subject to the specifications in the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption and the Legal Director is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Central Services Manager.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor
City of Rockford, Illinois

Angela L. Hammer, Legal Director and Ex-Officio
Keeper of the Records and Seal
City of Rockford, Illinois

Rockford, Illinois

Date: February 9, 2026

RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:

Council Members:

The Committee on Finance and Personnel having received a request hereby begs leave to report recommending **approval** of the joint purchasing agreement with GENCOMM INC. of MADISON, WI for COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT in the amount of \$75,975.60. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate resolution.

Kevin Frost (Chair)

Jonathan Logemann (Vice Chair)

Frank Beach

Dawn Granath

Chad Tuneberg

Committee Action Taken:

Frost:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Logemann:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Beach:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Granath:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Tuneberg:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___