

RESOLUTION NO. 95-R-598

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING THE PURCHASE OF A NORSTAR CENTRANET PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF BROOKINGS.

The Common Council of the City of Brookings finds as follows:

1. The City of Brookings GTE phone system which was purchased in 1985 will no longer be able to access many areas of the nation with the implementation of the North American dialing system.

2. The City's current phone system is GTE. The Northstar Centranet phone system is a GTE product and the switch for the current phone system to access all new area codes is not available to our phone system without changing to Centranet.

3. GTE provides the only available local maintenance on the City's phone lines, equipment, alarms, pump stations, etc. To purchase a phone system from outside the area would require maintenance from outside the area which involves travel time and fees with every call. An outside the area maintenance response is not acceptable for the City's emergency repair needs.

4. Because the City of Brookings is one of the larger customers in this area, GTE has made the Norstar Centranet system available and guarantees the equipment, lines, and because it is their system and easily accessible, often make adjustments as needed for no charge. No other phone system will be able to offer this level of maintenance and price for this system.

5. It is unlikely that exempting the purchase of a Norstar Centranet system will encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts.

6. The awarding of a public contract in this instance will result in overall cost savings to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS THAT:

The purchase of a Norstar Centranet phone system for the City of Brookings as identified herein is exempted from competitive bidding set out in ORS chapter 279 and the City's Resolution No. 92-R-539.

Passed by the council and signed by the Mayor this 14th day of August, 1995.



Tom Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Beverly S. Shields
City Finance Director/Recorder