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Contract Awarded for Next Generation Public Safety Radio System

Erie, PA – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper on Tuesday announced a contract award to E.F. Johnson Co. as the radio manufacturer for Erie County's Next Generation Public Safety Radio System.

E.F. Johnson, of Irving, Texas, will provide the radio infrastructure, portable units and dispatch consoles for the new countywide system. The purchase price of the system, which includes the first year of the warranty, is \$16.1 million. This represents an approximate \$3 million in savings for Erie County, based on previous cost estimates.

E.F. Johnson was one of four bidders for the contract. Over the past five months, the bids were evaluated by a committee, which provided a recommendation for contract award to the county executive last week.

"E.F. Johnson was the only vendor to meet our technical specification as defined by our RFP (request for proposal), and I am confident E.F. Johnson will provide Erie County with a Next Generation Public Safety Radio System that will meet our current and future needs for the next 20 years," said Public Safety Director John Grappy.

Dahlkemper also invited members of the public and first responders to hear about the radio system's progress and next steps. Two public meetings are planned, both at Perry Hi-Way Hose Co. Social Hall, 8281 Oliver Road in Summit Township:

- Tuesday, August 23, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 23, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

“I’m very proud of the progress we’ve made so far on this system and where it will take us,” Dahlkemper said. “In the end, it will protect not only every first responder, but every person the first responders are trying to help.”

The goal of the project is to migrate current county radio systems to a common platform, providing a technologically advanced communications system that meets the needs of all Erie County residents and first responders.

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