



STAFF REPORT

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO

AGENDA TITLE:

Acceptance of Low Voltage Cabling System Furnished and Installed by AA&T Communications for the Public Safety Facilities Project.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sausalito Accepting the Low Voltage Cabling System Furnished and Installed by AA&T Communications for the Public Safety Facilities Project and Thanking AA&T for its Service

SUMMARY

With Resolution No. 5113 of February 23, 2010 the City Council awarded a contract to furnish and install a Low Voltage Cabling System to provide the infrastructure for data, telephones and other low voltage devices throughout each facility within the Public Safety Facilities Project to AA&T Communications for the lump sum of \$42,998.00 This cabling was not included in the construction bid documents and therefore not included in the bid for construction awarded to Alten Construction in October 2008, but the cabling is essential to the operation of both facilities. In its February 23, 2010 action, the Council found that the project was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, was consistent with the approved design review and other permits for the project, and that adequate funds for construction were available and expendable from the General Obligation Bond funds for the project.

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BACKGROUND

NETCOR Design prepared Drawings and Specifications and Swinerton Management & Consulting prepared the front-end contract bid documents. A Notice to Bidders was prepared and made available to the public through an advertisement in a local publication, through planrooms of local Builder's Exchanges, by direct contact with known vendors with experience in Low Voltage installations -- all in compliance with the City's current Purchasing Ordinance.

The Notice to Bidders was issued on January 27th, 2010. A Mandatory Bid Walk was held on February 1st, 2010 and nine (9) interested vendors attended the Bid Walk. The Bid Opening was scheduled for February 9th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Five (5) vendors submitted bids for the Low Voltage installation. All of the submitting vendors had attended the mandatory bid walk. The results of the Bid Opening are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
AA&T Communications	\$42,998
WBE Electric	\$44,948
Cupertino Electric	\$53,174
Metropolitan Electric	\$58,740
Banks Communications	\$62,802

As a result of the Bid Opening, AA&T was deemed the Apparent Low Bidder. Swinerton Management & Consulting, NETCOR Design and City Staff reviewed AA&T's bid and deemed it responsive. AA&T's qualifications were verified by contacting the references listed in the bid. It was also confirmed that the bid submitted is all-inclusive of costs for Bonds and Insurance.

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ISSUES

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

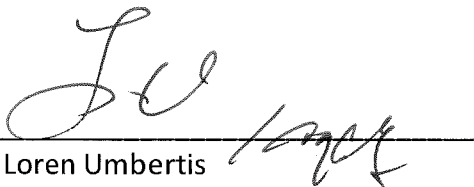
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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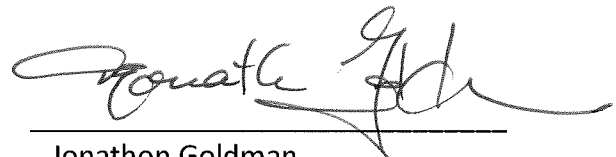
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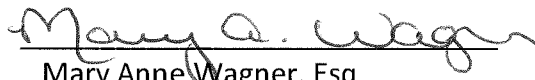
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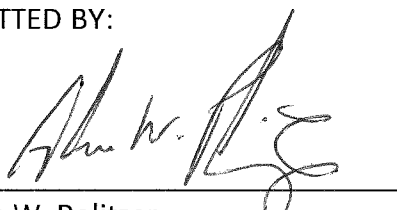
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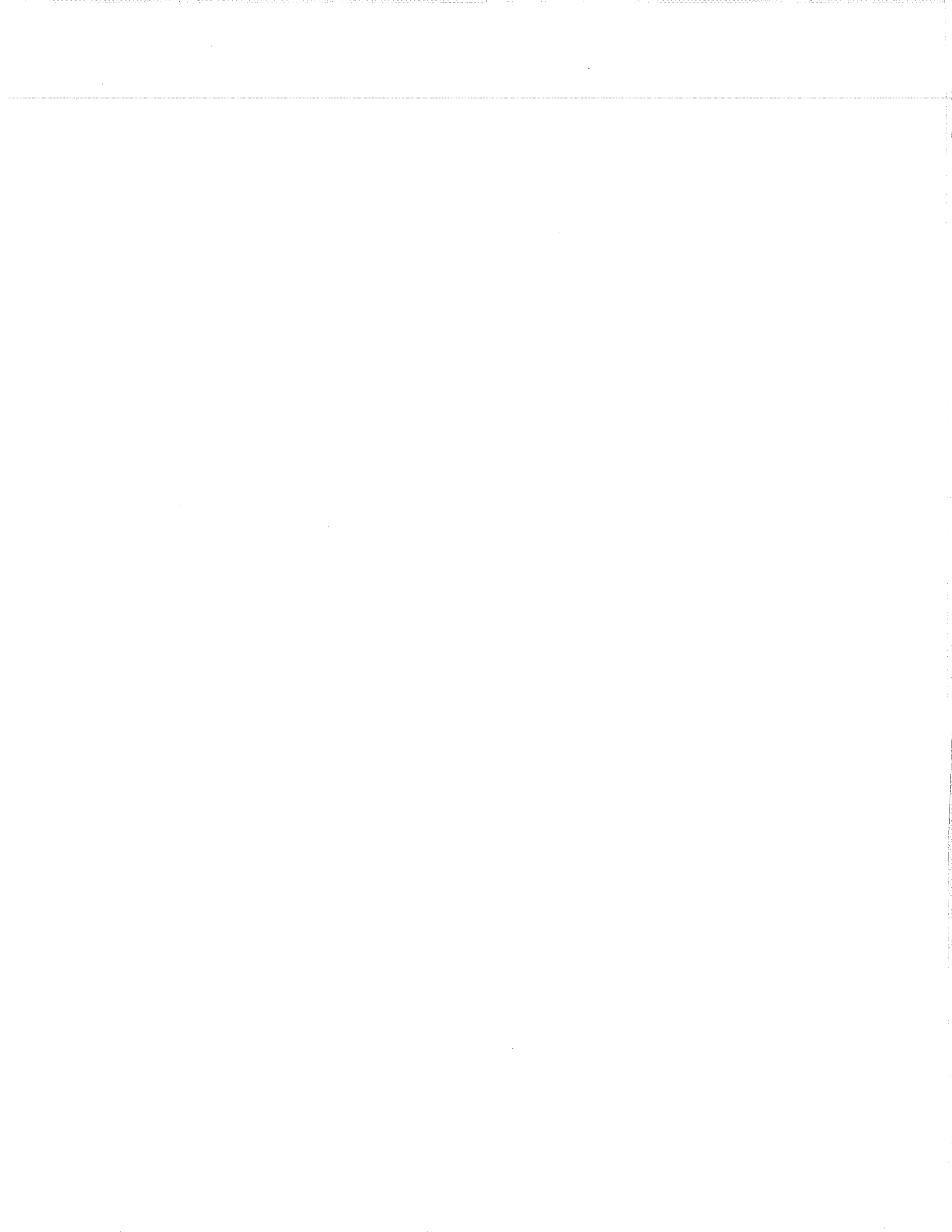

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City Manager



RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO
ACCEPTING THE LOW VOLTAGE CABLING SYSTEM FURNISHED AND
INSTALLED BY AA&T COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY
FACILITIES PROJECT AND THANKING AA&T FOR ITS SERVICE**

WHEREAS, by Minute Order adopted on the 23rd day of September, 2008 the City Council of the City of Sausalito awarded Alten Construction, Inc. of Richmond, California (“Alten”) a contract for BID NUMBER F-141, THE SAUSALITO PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES PROJECT NEW CONSTRUCTION (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the plans for the Project included provision of conduits and space in the electrical rooms at both buildings for low-voltage data and telecommunications cabling installation but did not include the low-voltage cabling installation itself; and

WHEREAS, the City desired to have data and telecommunications cabling as part of its PSF Project; and

WHEREAS, the installation of low-voltage data and telecommunications cabling at the PSF was consistent with the approved design review and other permits for the Project; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds for low-voltage data and telecommunications cabling installation were available and expendable from the General Obligation Bond funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City’s data and telecommunications consultant NETCOR prepared plans, specifications and a cost estimate for the desired installation of low-voltage data and telecommunications cabling; and

WHEREAS, City Staff reviewed, approved and issued the plans and specifications with an invitation to bid and addenda in conformance with formal bidding requirements for Public Work set forth in Sausalito Municipal Code (SMC) Section 3.30.310.C; and

WHEREAS, with Resolution No. 5113 of February 23, 2010 the City Council of the City of Sausalito found that the furnishing and installation of said low-voltage cabling was statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (14 CCR § 15268); as a discretionary action, and categorically exempt from CEQA under 14 CCR § 1530, Existing Facilities, in that it consisted of an improvement to an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of use; and further awarded the contract for furnishing and installation of said low-voltage cabling to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, AA&T Communications, Inc. (“AA&T”) under the terms and conditions of the relevant and applicable Contract Documents; and

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WHEREAS, following adoption of said Resolution No. 5113, AA&T received Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and in fact furnished and installed all of the low voltage cabling required in conformance with the Contract Documents, as well as having passed all required inspections; and

WHEREAS, Staff, in collaboration with the City's consulting construction manager, Swinerton Management Consulting, and the aforementioned designer, NETCOR, having determined that AA&T has satisfied its obligations under the contract approved under said Resolution No. 5113 respectfully recommends that Council accept the low voltage cabling system furnished and installed by AA&T as complete, thank AA&T for its service and direct that a Notice of Completion be issued, retention be released and require that AA&T replace any payment and performance bonds with a maintenance bond as provided for in the Contract Documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Sausalito does hereby resolve as follows:

1. AA&T Communications, Inc. has satisfied its obligations under the contract approved under Resolution No. 5113 and the Contract Documents incorporated by reference thereunder and the City Council of the City of Sausalito hereby accepts the low voltage cabling system furnished and installed by AA&T Communications, Inc. as complete.
2. The City Council of the City of Sausalito thanks AA&T Communications, Inc. for its service to the people of Sausalito in this matter.
3. Staff is directed to issue a Notice of Completion, release retention, and require that AA&T Communications, Inc. replace payment and performance bonds with a maintenance bond as provided for in the Contract Documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sausalito on the 19th day of October, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers:
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

