Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Siemen's Industry for the purpose of replacing the fire alarm systems in the 6 noted facilities, owned by Durham County, in the amount of \$335,149.00. The County Manager also recommends the Board to allow the County Manager to sign off on subsequent extensions, change orders or amendments associated with this contract, as necessary, so long as funds are available.

Background/Justification

The fire alarm systems in the associated buildings are becoming obsolete. Repair parts for the systems and its components are difficult to impossible to find, on the market. Staff have utilized all our local vendors as well as reached out to vendors nationwide. Some of the systems being replaced are also proprietary systems and we will be replacing them with non-proprietary systems. This will allow for multiple vendor solicitation when needing any repairs or replacements, in the future. The six buildings that we are requesting to have the fire alarm systems replaced in are: Community Shelter- 412 Liberty St, Fire & Rescue Station 82- 1724 S Miami Blvd, Fire & Rescue Station 85- 4200 Farrington Rd, East Regional Library- 211 Lick Creek Ln, EMS #6- 226 Milton Rd, and North Regional Library- 221 Milton Rd.

Policy Impact

This work is in line with policies and other work done for Durham County facilities, in respect to keeping our facilities safe and functional.

Procurement Background

Type of purchase
☐ Goods
⊠ Services
☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
☐ Construction and Repair
Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes \boxtimes No \square
Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$ Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$ Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$
If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.
If no, why?
☐ Sole source exemption
☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption

 ☐ State and federal contract exemption ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract ☐ Other (please explain) 	
If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes \square No \square	
If no, why?	

Fiscal Impact

This project was budgeted for in the FY25 General Services Ongoing Facilities Systems Upgrades CIP. The funding is in the program for current use. It will be funded through WBS Element- 4190420030087101, Cost Center- 4190420000, Fund- 4004300000

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board authorizes the County Manager to enter into a contract with Siemen's Industry for the purpose of replacing the fire alarm systems in the 6 noted facilities, owned by Durham County, in the amount of \$335,149.00. The County Manager also recommends the Board to allow the County Manager to sign off on subsequent extensions, change orders or amendments associated with this contract, as necessary, so long as funds are available. It is also important to say that this is a life safety system for the County facilities and without the proper devices for a fully functional system, we could end up in violation with local fire codes.