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RE: Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase and Installation of Fire Alarm Heads at Memorial Hall

We are requesting that formal bidding procedures be waived for the purchase and installation of new fire alarm heads at Memorial Hall according to the Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI) quote in the amount of \$119,460.06.

The existing heads are thirty-plus years old and are failing. In the last six months, these heads have failed over a dozen times, each time resulting in a Racine Fire Department response. The life safety ramifications of these failures cannot be understated, not to mention the wasted public safety resources involved.

For the reasons outlined above, I recommend that formal bidding procedures be waived and that the Purchasing Agent be directed to procure these services from JCI through the Sourcewell Contract.

Funding to defray the cost of the project is available in Org Obj 45040 57200.

Sincerely,

Ron J. Pritzlaff  
Assistant Commissioner of Public Works