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Calvert County Awards Motorola Contract for New Public Safety Radio System *Comprehensive \$21 Million Project Slated for December 2017 Completion*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 1, 2016 –The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners today awarded Motorola Solutions Inc. a \$21.4 million contract for a new 800 megahertz (MHz) digital communications system that will enable public safety agencies to respond more quickly and efficiently to emergency calls. The new radios and towers will replace the county's 20-year-old system and will enable police and fire departments throughout the county to better communicate with other county, state and federal agencies when a multi-jurisdictional response is required.

“This is the largest single contract Calvert County Government has ever awarded,” explained Calvert County Commissioner President Evan K. Slaughenhoupt Jr. “This new system brings us into the 21st century and provides the required level of safety and service our citizens and our first responders deserve.”

“With this contract, we will have the required level of interoperability with other jurisdictions,” explained Jackie Vaughan, Calvert County Director of Public Safety. “Another key component is that Calvert County will maintain full control of the entire system, including the new towers and radios as opposed to the leasing arrangement we have now.”

The new system will replace the existing five towers, add radio technology in five additional locations and provide 1,100 new mobile radios for first responders.

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The state-of-the-art radio system comes with a guaranteed 20-year maintenance and life cycle plan to provide protection against technological obsolescence and ensure continued interoperability with all jurisdictions. The new system will also provide increased functionality such as GIS mapping with automatic emergency personnel location and “man down” emergency alerts. New tower construction will begin this summer with completion by December 2017.

For additional information on the contract award, contact Vaughan by email at VaughnJK@co.cal.md.us or by calling 410-535-1600, ext. 2303. Today’s contract presentation to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners can be found on the Calvert County Government website at www.co.cal.md.us/DocumentCenter/View/10881.

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