

RESOLUTION NO 5056

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING FROM THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS, THE PURCHASE OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION FROM NOANET OF OREGON.

WHEREAS, the City has identified the need for fiber optic cable communications ability with the facilities currently under construction for the Albany-Millersburg Joint Water Project; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid cable will allow a secure and dedicated means of communications for plant control and monitoring systems, along with interconnection to the general City computer network; and

WHEREAS, a byproduct of this cable installation will result in high-speed computer data availability to major industrial and commercial enterprises not currently available in the Millersburg area; and

WHEREAS, a branch of the installation will provide a connection point east of the freeway, south of Knox Butte Road, thereby providing for the eventual extension of high-speed computer data capabilities to the Albany Airport, The Linn County Fair/Expo Center, the Oregon National Guard, and other commercial facilities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the new availability of this fiber optic resource works to enhance City services and enhances the potential of retaining existing industry and securing new facilities that rely on high-speed data availability; and

WHEREAS, the cost to provide this infrastructure estimated by NoaNet of Oregon is approximately one-third the cost proposed by existing contractors working on the Joint Water Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany already has an existing agreement with NoaNet of Oregon and has the ability to amend that agreement to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, Albany Municipal Code 2.64.060 (20) authorizes the City Council, acting as the local contract review board, to exempt certain contracts from the requirements of competitive bidding upon findings that such exemption will not result in favoritism or substantially diminish competition and that the exemption will result in substantial cost savings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Albany, acting as the local contract review board, finds as follows:


The exemption of this purchase from the requirements of direct competitive bidding and the purchase of fiber optic cable installation services from NoaNet of Oregon, will not result in favoritism or substantially diminish competition, and the exemption will result in cost savings by avoiding a formal contract bid process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Albany, acting as the local contract review board, hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing NoaNet contract in the amount of \$217,000 for this purpose and authorizes up to a 10 percent contingency should unforeseen expenses arise, to be administered under the terms of the existing contract language.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2004.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk