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- APPROVAL by M. Connor on 4/19/02 & on
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Michael K. Connor
Program Manager
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street, NW
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RE: Rapid City, SD Weed & Seed Site Justification for Wireless Networking

Dear Michael:

Rapid City Weed and Seed would like to install a Wireless Network so that the Rapid City Police Department can have a substation in the Weed & Seed focus area. Seeing that Law Enforcement and Community Policing are the Weeding components of the strategy, myself and the steering committee initiated contact with the police department several months ago about utilizing the third office in the Weed and Seed office as a substation. The concept was supported by the Police Department and the Weed and Seed steering committee.

Initially we were able to have office furniture donated and utilize an existing office equipment to see how the arrangement would work. Currently, the office is only utilized by the overnight officers to write reports since the office is not equipped to link to the police department's network to obtain additional data and complete assignments. The discussion turned to how to obtain a connection to the police department and we received a quote to install a wireless network similar to another substation in Rapid City.

In order to justify the purchase of a wireless network between the Weed and Seed Office and the Police Department, I have listed below the justification of such an expense.

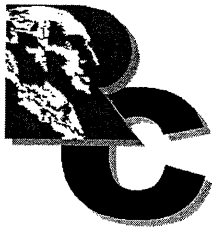
- The assignment of the Rapid City Police Department's Community Resource Officer to the Weed and Seed office utilizing available space in the community to create a police substation. This would enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the officers assigned to the Weed & Seed initiative per the funding characteristics that EOWS is noting as important for a successful Weed & Seed site. This wireless networking system falls into the category of computers and software that is outlined as permissible community policing expenditures.
- This officer will be more responsive to the community. This assignment will allow the officer to be closer to the larger problem areas in the Weed & Seed focus area such as Prairie Market grocery store, DD's Tavern, Roosevelt Park, and E. North Street. This assignment will also

- allow the officer easier access to the Weed and Seed Coordinator to arrange community meetings with residents to discuss ongoing problems and concerns.
- 12% of Rapid City's population lives in the Weed and Seed focus area and a large percentage of Rapid City Police Department calls for service (4,071 calls for service to E. North Street area in 2001) are to the focus area.
 - The Rapid City Police Department has exhausted other technology grants in purchasing higher priority equipment for the Department. The Police Department has more needs in terms of equipment, etc. than dollars. One of the difficulties in technology grants is the requirement of matching funds from the Department's existing budget which creates the use of creative financing to be able to apply for federal grant dollars. Also, the majority of law enforcement dollars given to the area are then shared between the Rapid City Police Department and the Pennington County Sheriff's Department.
 - There are funds available in the Weed and Seed Extension Grant with the 2000wsqx0163 award and one way to keep crime decreasing in the focus area is to have a legitimate police substation to continue the police presence in the community. To date on average we have dropped crime by 30% in the Weed & Seed focus area. This wireless network would continue the balanced approach that allows a police substation in one office, a Case Manager for the Substance Abuse Special Initiative in another office to link individuals to services, and the Weed & Seed Coordinator in the third office. This would continue to decrease crime and be a more effective and efficient way to continue to implement the prevention, intervention, and treatment strategies in our Weed & Seed focus area.
 - The existing network at the Police Department was installed by Rushmore Communications Inc. and they would install this system as well. No other system is easily adaptable without incurring a greater expense. The following is the quote for the wireless network:
 - \$1,595.00 for the WB-10D (dish)
 - \$ 300.00 for Antenna coax, lightning protection & mounting hardware
 - \$ 200.00 for 8 Port HUB, networking cable, connectors & cover plates
 - \$ 780.00 for Labor to install
 - \$2,875.00 total for wireless network

If you should have any further questions, feel free to call me at 605-355-3519.

Sincerely,

Alison Stoeckmann, MSSA, LSW
Weed and Seed Coordinator – Rapid City



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ESTIMATE

Customer Name: Rapid City Weed and Seed	Date: 07-Mar-02
Address: 21 E Philadelphia Rapid City, SD 57701 attn: Alison Stoeckmann	

REF: Wireless Networking

QTY	DESCRIPTION	EACH	TOTAL
1	WB-10D		
1	Antenna, coax, lightning protection & mounting hardware	\$1,595.00	\$1,595.00
1	8 Port HUB, networking cable, connectors & cover plates	\$300.00	\$300.00
1	Labor	\$200.00	\$200.00
0		\$780.00	\$780.00
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Bid Offered and Approved By: <u>Doobie Dupre</u>		Total	\$2,875.00

- MONEY AVAILABLE IN AWARD: 2000WS QX0163 - EXTENSION APPROVED THRU Aug. 2002
- EXISTING SYSTEM AT RCPS ALREADY - THIS SYSTEM IN PLACE CANNOT UTILIZE ANOTHER SYSTEM OR IT WILL COST MORE per JOHN BEARDSLEY @ RCPS ON 3/19/02 12:45 PM
- Weed & Seed Exec. Committee Approved \$2,500
- per JOHN BEARDSLEY @ RCPS will cover the rest of the cost. - DISCUSSION ON 3/21/02 3:10 PM