

# SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

Vancouver School District  
Purchasing Department

Purchase Order Number:  
Requisitioned Item: Two-Way Radio Communications  
District Program: Transportation

1. Description of item, its function, and how it aligns with the goals and objectives of the District:  
For many years the district has utilized dedicated frequency two-way radios to efficiently and effectively communicate internally.

2. This is a sole source purchase because:  
 / X / Sole provider of a licensed or patented good or service  
 /  / Authorized by awarding agency \_\_\_\_\_  
 /  / Sole response to RFP  
 /  / Emergency Situation

3. What necessary features does this vendor provide which are not available from other vendors:  
By continuing the communication access contract with Silke Communications VPS is able to continue to utilize significant prior hardware investments in radios and relays throughout the district. Converting to another communication access provider would obsolete this proprietary equipment and require significant immediate investment in new (also likely proprietary) equipment which would be compatible with the new carrier.

My department's recommendation for sole source is based upon an objective review of the product/service required and appears to be in the best interest of the District. I know of no conflict of interest on my part or personal involvement in any way with this request. No gratuities, favors or compromising action have taken place. Neither has my personal familiarity with particular brands, types of equipment, material, or firms been a deciding influence on my request to sole source this purchase when there are other known suppliers to exist.

Department: ITS (in technical support of Transportation)

Name: Frank Edwards, Director- Technical Services

Signature: 

Date: 1/21/2025

CONCUR,



1-22-25