

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Request for Proposals for WISCOM
[LFB Paper #500 -- Substitute Alternative]

Motion:

Move to adopt Alternative B1 from Paper #500, to provide an additional \$1,868,100 GPR (\$986,500 in 2019-20 and \$881,600 in 2020-21) for WISCOM maintenance. Further, repeal the requirement that the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) conduct a request for proposals (RFP) regarding the Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM) and instead require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue a request for proposals for WISCOM by June 30, 2020, in collaboration with DMA. In addition, authorize DOT to spend up to \$500,000 for related professional consulting services.

Further, approve Alternatives D1 and D2 from Paper #500, to: (a) delete \$16,000 FED and 0.2 FED positions annually from DMA's federal aid for state operations appropriation; and (b) provide \$60,400 SEG in 2019-20 and \$63,800 SEG in 2020-21 and 1.0 SEG position annually to the Interoperability Council appropriation from the police and fire protection fund.

Note:

Under 2017 Act 59, DMA was required to conduct a RFP to replace or enhance the current WISCOM system. A request was issued in October, 2018 and, on November 27, 2018, the Department of Administration (DOA) requested that state agencies suspend RFP solicitations. The Department of Military Affairs now intends to refine the RFP to follow the National Protection and Program Directorate's Office of Cybersecurity and Communications System Life Cycle Planning to design, implement, and maintain the system and to post the updated RFP no later than February, 2020. A contract to create the new system is expected to begin in 2020-21.

The bill would transfer administration of WISCOM from DMA to DOT. Further, the bill would repeal the requirement that DMA issue a RFP. The bill would instead require that DOT issue a RFP for WISCOM and expend not more than \$500,000 for related professional consulting services. Under the bill, requirements related to awarding contracts to the lowest responsible bidder and provisions relating to competitive sealed bidding would not apply to the contract for consulting services.

The motion would adopt Alternative B1 from Paper #500, to provide an additional \$1,868,100 GPR (\$986,500 in 2019-20 and \$881,600 in 2020-21) for WISCOM maintenance. Further, the motion would require DOT to issue a RFP for WISCOM by June 30, 2020, in collaboration with DMA, and would authorize DOT to spend up to \$500,000 for related consulting services. The motion would not

exempt DOT from procurement requirements for the consulting services contract. In addition, under the motion, DMA would continue to administer the WISCOM system. As a non-delegated agency for procurement purposes, DMA currently receives procurement management services from DOA's consolidated agency purchasing services section. The motion would also increase expenditure authority and associated funding for a SEG position to assist the Interoperability Council regarding the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.