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Washington, DC Selects Federal Engineering for Audit of Office of Unified Communications

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, March 22, 2021 — The Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) has selected Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) to conduct an audit of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC), 911 Operations Division.

In announcing the contract, Mr. Jeffrey Paré, **FE** Senior Account Executive, provided an overview: “Federal Engineering is honored to have been chosen for this important project. District citizens, like those throughout the country, rely heavily on 911 services. It is in the best interest of all jurisdictions to periodically assess the effectiveness of their 911 services. Our audit of OUC will evaluate the effectiveness of their 911 Operations Division against national standards by reviewing 911 call history, evaluating culture and training, reviewing technological capabilities, and reviewing OUC’s internal investigations of past incidents. We will prepare a report documenting our conclusions for the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor.”

D.C. Auditor Kathleen Patterson said: “We selected Federal Engineering to conduct the audit through an open RFP process. Federal Engineering was selected from among four proposals as the most capable firm with 38 years of experience and more than 2,000 projects successfully completed across all 50 states. We are pleased to be working with **FE** and look forward to their independent analysis and final report.”

Ms. Patterson went on: “From time to time we contract with outside consulting firms for audits and evaluations. As part of our commitment to transparency and competitive contracting, we often seek one or more proposals before entering into a contract for consulting services. In this case, we wanted a consulting firm that analyzes, designs, and supports the implementation of dispatch centers because we believe they would have the real-world, practical experience needed to give us the best advice. We are confident **FE** will help us achieve meaningful results and improve 911 services to our constituents.”

Federal Engineering is a leading, nationwide firm providing analysis, design, procurement, and implementation support for NG911, PSAPs, ECCs, and EOCs. These services complement **FE’s** wide range of consulting services in public safety and public service communications involving traditional VHF, UHF, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, and 4.9GHz mobile radio systems as well as LTE and CBRS. **FE’s** cybersecurity practice helps our clients defend against today’s complex and ever-changing threat landscape. **FE** also serves as trusted advisors to assist clients understand emerging services such as FirstNet and the impacts on their current and future plans. Since 1983, **FE** has completed thousands of communications projects for 46 state governments, as well as numerous local and federal government clients.

In addition to its public sector work, Federal Engineering provides design and implementation support services for voice, data, and video networks used in the transportation, utilities, aerospace, finance, education, publishing, and computer services industries. **FE’s** certified independence ensures that clients receive objective, unbiased consulting services that are not influenced by any technology, product, vendor, or approach.