

WISCOM and SEPTA Fare Collection System total \$120 million in contracting opportunities

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Yesterday, August 18th was a big day for the State of Wisconsin- Department of Transportation, Division of State Police and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) as both agencies had large projects with proposals due. Both projects, a Statewide Radio Communication System and a Smart Card Fare Collection System, combine to total an estimated \$120 million.

The State of Wisconsin released a Request for Proposals on July 8th for a statewide P25 high-band trunked digital radio system. The state contracted with L. Robert Kimball & Associates to help conduct studies and assist in the development of requirements for this project, which is part of the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Kimball & Associates have estimated that a 71 site system would cost \$17.1 million, while an 80 site system would cost \$18.8 million. A pre-proposal conference was held July 20th. Vendors who attended the conference include Harris Corporation, Raytheon, Tait Communications, EADS, Motorola, EF Johnson, and Alcatel Lucent. Please monitor this [opportunity](#) for more information as the selection process continues.

SEPTA released a Request for Proposals on November 7, 2008 for a Smart Card Fare Collection System. The project originated in March 2008, when the authority released a Request for Information on the different options for new payment technologies. SEPTA has estimated that the implementation of a new fare collection system will cost around \$100 million. Companies who have expressed interest in this project include: Accenture, Computer Sciences Corporation, IBM, Northrop Grumman, SAIC, and Unisys. A variety of banking and financial institutions have also expressed their interest in this project. Please monitor this [opportunity](#) for more information as the selection process continues.