

5 Bars Wins Cooperative Purchasing Contract to Provide Connected Wireless Infrastructure Master Planning and Marketing for Cities and Government Entities

IRVINE, Calif., Oct. 7, 2016 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – 5 Bars™ announced today it has been awarded a national cooperative contract to provide an intelligent technology platform that is used for master planning of wireless infrastructure to cities, municipalities and government entities. The competitively solicited and publicly awarded agreement by the City of Sacramento, California is made available through National IPA.



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National IPA is a cooperative purchasing organization dedicated to public sector. The cooperative assists agencies and institutions to streamline the tedious, expensive request-for-proposal process (RFP) while satisfying requirements for transparency by offering a comprehensive portfolio of awarded contracts.

Once a public agency or educational institution registers with National IPA – at no cost – they have access to all awarded contracts available in the

portfolio, including 5 Bars.

By the year 2020 over 600,000 small cells will need to be deployed by the wireless carriers to meet consumer demand. 5 Bars, through extensive planning, identifies and markets available locations to provide increased cellular coverage in our Cities.

The identification, planning and marketing services, based on in-depth radio frequency and global positioning intelligence, creates a streamlined process, accelerates the speed at which broadband is delivered to communities and addresses visual blight for citizens, businesses and residents. 5 Bars acts as "City Advocate" providing advanced engineering and market based terms to all carriers.

"5 Bars Communities will ensure that our cities leverage their assets to provide great cellular service for their citizens while taking advantage of advanced wireless technologies," said John Clarey, CEO of 5 Bars. "Everyone increasingly depends on wireless and more smart city technologies are ready for prime time use. Having our cities leverage their assets and locations and be ready with the wireless coverage necessary will only continue to enhance our daily lives."

About 5 Bars Communities:

5 Bars Communities™ provides Wireless Master Planning, Marketing and Management of network infrastructure including cell tower, outdoor small cells and distributed antenna systems. 5 Bars provides cities and communities new capabilities, additional revenue streams, operational efficiencies and strong benefits to the economy to create a modern framework for livable sustainable smart cities.

5 Bars is a privately held company in Irvine Calif. that provides wireless master planning for communities, stadiums and large-scale venues through master planning, marketing, network development and management. 5 Bars is also a leading provider of commercial indoor and outdoor neutral host DAS, small cells and high density carrier-grade Wi-Fi networks. For more information, visit <http://www.5bars.com/communities/>.

About National IPA:

National IPA is redefining the future of cooperative purchasing. The cooperative purchasing organization is dedicated to serving public agencies and educational institutions nationwide. All cooperative agreements have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a public agency/governmental entity (e.g. state, city, county, public university or school district), utilizing the best public procurement practices, processes and procedures. The lead agencies are independent of the cooperative allowing the agency to be focused on the best value for the agency.

The National IPA team of tenured certified public procurement professionals, supply chain and cooperative purchasing experts is committed to bringing

value to agencies nationwide. Participants may leverage one of the largest pools of purchasing potential, allowing them to receive a combined buying power regardless of their entity's size.

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