

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

The RTA radio antenna(s) and associated communication equipment have been installed in a dedicated and enclosed space on the rooftop of Place St. Charles since 2003. The antenna(s) and equipment are permanently installed. Removal and relocation would be difficult and expensive, at a cost estimated to exceed \$100,000. The indoor space ("Radio Room") is air conditioned and ventilated to protect the equipment, with the A/C system replaced in October 2019 to ensure optimal functionality. Significantly, the Place St. Charles space/rooftop provides RTA with the most comprehensive radio coverage in the metropolitan New Orleans **area**. For these reasons, it is essential that RTA continue to operate from this location without incurring excessive cost or interruption of service. Note that the annual cost of the lease is competitively priced for like or similar space and determined by staff to be fair and reasonable.