



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Health Dept.
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: May 18, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Darrin Eisenbarth, Information Technology Manager

SUBJECT: Bid Waiver Request for Inventory and Emergency Management and Response System

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Purchasing Manager to issue a purchase order to Upp Technology, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 for the purchase and installation of their proprietary IRMS™ inventory and emergency management and response system without a competitive bid. The vendor is not a local vendor.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize use of public funds to purchase an inventory and emergency management and response system for the Emergency Preparedness Program (EPP) in the Public Health Department (PHD). The EPP has an immediate need to procure the IRMS™ Emergency Management System to collect, manage, track and report on disaster cache inventory, including vaccines, antivirals, and personal protective equipment. Upp Technology, Inc, is the sole manufacturer and sole source provider of the IRMS™ Software Solution Suite. After much research and comparisons of similar systems, it was discovered that Upp's unique IRMS™ system was the only one that could satisfy the requirements of the Emergency Preparedness Program to control emergency cache inventory and effectively coordinate emergency management and response activities.

Background:

During emergencies the PHD's EPP is responsible for the receipt, allocation and distribution of disaster cache and strategic national stockpile. The recent experience of the Jesusita Fire and H1N1 Pandemic highlighted the need for a technical solution for managing EPP inventory on a daily basis as well as during an emergency surge. In addition to tracking routine equipment and supplies, EPP requires a system that a) supports central and remote facilities; b) provides control over inventory management; and c) facilitates mobilization of vaccines, antivirals, personal protective equipment, medical supplies and equipment during surge events like epidemics, pandemics, earthquakes and fires.

The IRMS™ software provided solely by Upp, Technology, Inc. includes two distinct modules: 1) a Warehouse Management module and 2) an Emergency Management module. Together, these modules provide the expanded functionality required by EPP.

County Code Section 2-39 states that the Purchasing Agent is obliged to purchase all materials, supplies, furnishings and equipment by using a formal competitive bidding process, unless the Board of Supervisors has waived competition under a particular set of circumstances. For the sake of expediency, and due to "limitations in source or supply" pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the PHD is requesting your Board waive the requirement for a competitive bid, for purchase of the this inventory and emergency management and response system for the Public Health Department.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no general fund impact with the approval of this bid waiver. The funding for the purchase of this equipment has been made available to the PHD through an augmentation of categorical emergency preparedness funds for H1N1 and other surge events. These funds are budgeted in the PHD's Emergency Medical Services cost center.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Rose Davis (805) 681-5107 and one copy of the minute order to Purchasing, Attn: Mark Masoner.

Attachments:

N/A

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