



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Sheriff's Office  
Department No.: 032  
For Agenda Of: May 22, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5ths

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Sheriff Bill Brown  
Director  
Contact Info: Douglas A. Martin, CFO ext. 4293

**SUBJECT: Approve Sole Source Purchases totaling \$625,000 for Law Enforcement Equipment**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Purchasing

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

1. That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Purchasing Agent to procure in-car video equipment for the Sheriff's Office without a formal bid process and authorize Coban Research and Technologies (not a local vendor) as the sole source vendor for the period ending June 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$570,000.
2. That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Purchasing Agent to procure in-car modems and equipment for the Sheriff Office without a formal bid process and authorize AT&T (not a local vendor) as the sole source vendor for this equipment for the period ending June 30, 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.
3. Approve Budget Revision Request #0002205 to transfer appropriations of \$601,000 in Sheriff General Fund appropriations from Salaries and Benefits to Capital Assets for purchase of COBAN in-car video equipment and increase appropriations of \$24,000 in Sheriff General Fund for Capital Assets funded by unanticipated revenue from the sale of surplus property.

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office has equipped all patrol vehicles with in-car video systems. Such in-car video systems record events that occur in front of a patrol vehicle when activated. All units now in service are of the Generation II vintage and are at least 6 years old. Several of the units have failed and no spares are available for replacement. These units need to be replaced as soon as possible. This action provides for the ability to acquire the Generation III in-car video systems from Coban Research and Technologies as a sole source vendor, for the period ending June 30, 2013.

Coban Research and Technologies is the sole authorized distributor for Coban in-car video systems. This eliminates the opportunity for any other vendor to sell the Coban product.

In addition, the COBAN systems include Mobile Data Computers (MDTs) that communicate with the Consolidated Dispatch Center via cellular technology using separate modems. These in-car modems need to be replaced in conjunction with the COBAN system. AT&T equipment is certified to work with the COBAN systems and is essential for this upgrade to work. This action will waive the bidding requirements for in-car modems and authorize AT&T as the sole source vendor for the period ending June 30, 2013.

**Background:**

This request continues the Sheriff's Office commitment to provide digital in-car video/audio recording systems and the infrastructure to support such systems in the Sheriff's patrol vehicles. A study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) regarding deployment of video/audio recording systems has proven that it increases officer safety, improves agency accountability, reduces agency liability, advances prosecution and case resolution and enhances officer performance and professionalism.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

If approved, this revision will transfer available salary and benefit dollars to the capital asset object level to fund the purchase of the COBAN units and in-car modems. The funding is partially due to vacancies in the department from throughout the year and concessions from the Deputy Sheriff's Association and Sheriff's Managers Association. In addition, \$24,000 from the return of old equipment will be recognized as revenue and will cover a portion of the cost.

The Sheriff's Office has included the cost of maintaining the COBAN systems in their FY2012-13 budget submission to be heard by the Board in June.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the minute order to Douglas Martin, Sheriff's Office.

**Attachments:**

Budget Revision Request #0002205

**Authored by:**

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