

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ronald Cortez
Director, General Services

STAFF CONTACT: John McMillin, Purchasing Manager
568-2693

SUBJECT: Request for Confirmation of Local Vendor Preference

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to procure a competitively bid Communications Microwave System from a local vendor by applying the 1.5% local vendor preference.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal IV: A community that is economically vital and sustainable.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Purchasing Department solicited bids on a communications microwave system and received two responsive bids. One bid was from a non-local vendor with a bid price of \$479,917.00, the other was from Somera Communications, a local vendor with a bid price of \$481,983.31 (a difference of + \$2,066.31 or approximately .5%). Since .5% is lower than the allowable 1.5% Local Vendor Preference, it is recommended that the Preference be affirmed and the award made to the local vendor.

Mandates and Service Levels:

None.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approval of this action will cost the County \$2,066.31 above that of the non-local vendor's bid. But, by applying the Local Vendor Preference to this award, it is estimated that the return of sales tax to the County (1.5%) will more than refund this extra initial expenditure.

Special Instructions:

Send a certified copy of the minute Order, attn: John McMillin, Purchasing Manager

Concurrence: