

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 4/5/04  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 4/27/04  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 5  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John M. Scherrei  
Fire Chief

**STAFF** Bruce Carter, Emergency Services Manager, Fire/OES, 681-5559  
**CONTACT:** Joe Guzzardi, Emergency Services Coordinator, Fire/OES, 681-5556

**SUBJECT:** Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of a Video Surveillance System

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors approve a waiver of the competitive bid process and authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure a Waterside Security Video System under the terms and conditions of the Fiscal Year 2003 Part II State Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Award from Radar Digital Systems, Inc. (not a local vendor) in an amount not to exceed \$75,000

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of the Waterside Security Video System from Radar Digital Systems, Inc. The complete system would be located at the Santa Barbara Harbor and would include multiple cameras and associated video equipment designed to remotely feed video images into the Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard headquarters. Research conducted by members of the Santa Barbara County Terrorism Working Group and the Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol has determined that Radar Digital Systems, Inc. provides unique components that are capable of providing a custom installed video surveillance system that best meets the specific needs identified by the Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol for harbor surveillance.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The purchase of this specialized equipment will enable the Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol and United States Coast Guard to conduct enhanced port surveillance and waterside security.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding for these equipment purchases would be from the Fiscal Year 2003 Part II State Homeland Security Grant Program. A budget revision has been created to cover this \$75,000 purchase.

**Special Instructions:**

Certified Copy of Minute Order to:

Rose Pueschel, Santa Barbara County Fire  
John McMillin, Purchasing Agent  
Office of Emergency Services

**Concurrence:** County Administrator, County Counsel, Purchasing Agent.