

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 4/10/06
Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 5
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

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

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Bomb Squad Suits

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure protective bomb suits and helmets from Med-Eng Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 under the terms and conditions of the Fiscal Year 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Award without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is 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 specialized equipment to enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Bomb Squad. The equipment purchase includes protective bomb suits and helmets from Med-Eng Systems, Inc. The Board waiver will allow the Purchasing Manager to purchase suits and helmets that are identical to existing Bomb Squad suits. These suits are currently used in training for the Bomb Squad, and the components are interchangeable with the Squad's existing suits. Bomb Squad personnel are familiar with the Med-Eng Systems suits and are trained in upkeep and maintenance of the Med-Eng System suits.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The purchase of this specialized equipment will enable the Sheriff's Bomb Squad to conduct explosive ordnance device searches more safely and more efficiently.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Funding for these equipment purchases comes from the 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program and is contained within the Fire Department's FY 2005/06 adjusted budget.

Special Instructions:

Certified Copy of Minute Order to:
Rose Pueschel, Santa Barbara County Fire
John McMillin, Purchasing Agent
Office of Emergency Services

Concurrence: County Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel, Purchasing Agent.