




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/Office of
Emergency Services
Department No.: 990
For Agenda Of: 1 June 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Select_From Michael D. Harris, Emergency Operations Chief 
Contact Info: Jay C. McAmis, Emergency Manager, 560-1042
SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Emergency Management
Software for the Operational Area

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 that the Board of Supervisors:

Utilizing Homeland Security Grant Program funding, authorize the County Purchasing Manager, without requiring a formal bid process, to procure emergency management software (WebEOC) for the Santa Barbara County Operational Area from Emergency Services integrators (ESi), Incorporated (not a local vendor), for a total amount not to exceed \$160,000.

Summary Text:

Because the Santa Barbara County Operational Area does not currently have an effective and efficient electronic means to collect and disseminate emergency incident information across all jurisdictional, organizational, and agency boundaries, the department secured Homeland Security Grant Program funding and California Emergency Management Agency approval to purchase the industry standard WebEOC emergency management software. WebEOC software is already in use by Vandenberg AFB, the Ventura County, Kern County, and San Luis Obispo Operational Areas. Using the same vendor and emergency management software will allow for future collaboration at the regional level.

Background:

The purchase of WebEOC is the first phase in this department's Operational Area Emergency Management Software Project under the Homeland Security Grant Program. Subsequent phases of the project will include the training of staff throughout the county emergency management spectrum to use this software, and the purchase of computer hardware and firmware necessary to manage the software from the new Operational Area Emergency Operations Center.

The WebEOC emergency management software being purchased is currently being utilized by many cities and counties in California, to include our neighboring counties of Ventura, Kern, and San Luis Obispo, as well as larger counties like Orange, Riverside and San Diego. In addition, this emergency management software is being utilized by emergency managers at Vandenberg AFB. The functionality of this emergency management software allows for cross-jurisdictional collaboration and information sharing. Access to the software, through the department's license, will be made to selected jurisdictions and agencies within the Santa Barbara County Operational Area.

A multidisciplinary project team formed by the department traveled to San Diego to receive training and orientation of the WebEOC emergency management software during the preparatory phase of the project, and received valuable insights on the functionality of the software. The project team also received programming information to be used by the design team as it develops functional communication boards for each operational user of the software. The visit to San Diego also confirmed the high regard that jurisdiction, as well as other jurisdictions interviewed, have for the vendor.

Performance Measure:

The emergency management software will be used in the Operational Area to facilitate the collection of incident information and the dissemination of emergency management information pertinent to ongoing response activities across all jurisdictional, organizational, and agency boundaries. Future endeavors include the sharing of emergency management information with our neighboring Operational Areas of Ventura, Kern and San Luis Obispo to facilitate mutual aid scenarios in large regional disasters and emergencies.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes (FY 2009 Homeland Security Grant)

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
2009 HSGP (Federal)	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
Total	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00

Narrative:

The costs associated with this purchase are included in the department's 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program approved projects for use by the Santa Barbara Operational Area and all of its political subdivisions. The software will be purchased through normal purchasing processes.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

N/A

No staffing impacts result from this project.

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

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