

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 8/14/06  
**Department Name:** FIRE  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 8/15/06  
**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 CONTACT:** Bruce Carter, Manager, Fire/OES, 681-5559  
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**SUBJECT:** Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of a Helicopter Hoist from Goodrich Hoist & Winch Corporation.

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure an internal electric helicopter rescue hoist for the County's helicopter from The Goodrich Hoist & Winch Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 under the terms and conditions of the Fiscal Year 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program 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 a specialized internal electric rescue hoist to be used by the Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit. The Goodrich Helicopter Hoist gives Air Support personnel the ability to enhance Search and Rescue activities, and to increase operational safety.

The Goodrich Corporation is the only maker of this rescue hoist that is specifically designed to operate in conjunction with the County's UH-1-H Bell Helicopter. The hoist is removable which reduces on-board weight, allowing more water carrying capacity during fire suppression activities. The Goodrich Corporation hoist is installed on helicopters used by Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), therefore training on this equipment will be available from VAFB personnel. Training and operational manuals currently exist for this specific hoist and for local geographic conditions.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The purchase of the Goodrich Corporation Helicopter Hoist will enhance the Urban Search and Rescue capabilities of Santa Barbara County and mutual aid agencies.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding for the Goodrich Corporation Helicopter Hoist would be from the Fiscal Year 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program. A budget revision has been created to cover this \$150,000 purchase price.

**Special Instructions:**

Certified Copy of Minute Order to:

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

**Concurrence:**

County Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Purchasing Manager