



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 2/05/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director(s)
Contact Info: Douglas Martin, CFO, ext 4293

SUBJECT: Waiver of Competition for Purchase of Helicopter Equipment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- 1) That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure two replacement helicopter blades for use on the Sheriff's Department OH-58 helicopters without a formal bid process and authorize California Rotor Support (not a local vendor) as the sole source vendor for the period ending June 30, 2008.
- 2) That the Board approve Budget Revision #2007160 releasing \$81,000 of asset forfeiture funds held in designation and appropriating the purchase for the blades.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department operates two OH-58 helicopters as part of the Aviation Bureau. The majority of the systems on the helicopters have operating time maximums and must be replaced periodically. Both helicopters have main rotor blades that are approaching maximum operating time, one having less than 500 hours remaining. Normally, replacement main rotor blades can cost in excess of \$125,000 each and must be purchased in pairs. California Rotor Support of Springville, California has two used rotor blades for sale for \$81,000 for the pair. These blades have nearly 3,000 hours left on them compared to 3,600 hours on new blades. This purchase allows the department to have as ready spares the main rotor blades when the in service pair run out of time. Quality used rotor blades with this much time left are rare and this is an opportunity for the department to acquire spare parts at a lower price than normal.

Background:

This request continues the Sheriff's Department's commitment to the operation of a combined Air Support Unit whose duties include search and rescue, fire suppression, law enforcement patrol, law enforcement assistance in vehicular pursuits, pursuit of fleeing suspects, evidence collection, and drug eradication.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Narrative:

Budget Revision #2007160 releases \$81,000 from the asset forfeiture designation and appropriates the expenditures line item 8300, Capital Equipment. Asset forfeiture funds are financial assets distributed to the department and are restricted to law enforcement efforts.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a minute order to Douglas Martin, Chief Financial Officer, Sheriff's Department, and Purchasing Manager, General Services.

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Attachments:

Budget Revision Request #2007160

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