



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

**Agenda
Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors**
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**Departments
Name:** General Services &
CEO (Office of Emergency
Management)
**Department
No.:** 063 / 012
**For Agenda Of:
Placement:** March 6, 2012
Administrative
Continued Item: No
**If Yes, date
from:** N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: General Services Bob Nisbet, Director, General Services, 560-1011
CEO Office Michael D. Harris, Emergency Operations Chief, 681-5526
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director, 568-3096
**SUBJECT: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Audio, Data and Visual Information
Management Systems (ADVIMS) Project #8666-AV
Award Construction Contract
Second Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Award a Fixed Price Construction Contract in the amount of \$467,185.35 to the lowest responsible bidder, Electrosonic, Inc. subject to the provisions of the documents and certifications as set forth in the plans and specifications applicable to the project and as required by California Law; and
- b) Authorize the chair to execute the Construction Contract upon return of the Contractor's executed contract documents, and the review and approval of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and Risk Manager or their authorized representatives; and
- c) Authorize the Director of General Services or designee to approve change orders up to the limit specified in Public Contract Code Section 20142, or \$35,859 for this contract.; and

- d) Find that pursuant to CEQA Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the contract award is within the scope of the project covered by the Mitigated Negative Declaration and monitoring program approved and adopted by the Board for this project on January 5, 2010, and that therefore no new environmental document is required.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is substantially complete and now occupied by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Significant work is underway to implement necessary systems that allow for communication, the sharing of information and the receiving of audio and visual feeds. During construction additional funds were identified last fiscal year (from the terminated Betteravia Administration Building project; Board action May 10, 2011) for audio visual equipment. On January 12, 2012, three (3) bids were received from firms previously prequalified to participate in the bidding phase of the project. Electrosonic, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder. The recommended Board action will allow the Audio, Data and Visual Information Management Systems (ADVIMS) to be completed by July 2012. No additional funds beyond those previously authorized by the Board are required as a result of the recommended Board action.

Background:

Construction of the EOC began in early 2010 and was substantially completed in August, 2011. Among the items required for full operation of the EOC is the ADVIMS, which is the focus of the recommendations.

On September 6, 2011, the Board approved the plans and specifications for the ADVIMS project, and authorized General Services to advertise for construction bids. In December of 2011, General Services solicited prequalification questionnaires from firms interested in bidding on this project. Four (4) vendors submitted prequalification questionnaires, with one of the four (4) disqualified due to incomplete bonding information. The remainder successfully participated in the bidding phase, with Electrosonic, Inc. submitting the low bid of \$467,185.35.

All of the bids received exceeded the engineer's estimate of \$380,000. Contributing factors include material costs which were higher than anticipated and stringent warranty specifications requiring the contractor to respond to service calls within a specified timeframe during Emergency Operations Center activations to reduce the likelihood of ADVIMS disruptions during critical times. Remaining construction contingency funds are sufficient to fund the shortfall.

The remaining project funds, along with the transfers made as a result of the May 10, 2011 decision by the Board regarding project substitutions, will allow the full system equipment and installation to be awarded at this time. With the approved recommendations, General Services anticipates the installation to be complete by July 2012.

CEQA:

A Mitigated Negative Declaration for the construction of the Emergency Operations Center, inclusive of this phase of the project, was accepted by the Board on January 5, 2010. Pursuant to CEQA Section

15162, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has come to light regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the contract award is within the scope of the project covered by the Mitigated Negative Declaration and monitoring program, therefore, no new environmental document is required.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The financing for this project is Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (RZEDBs) that were made available to municipalities through the Federal Stimulus legislation passed in early 2009 and through Certificates of Participation (COPs). This financing is part of a larger issuance that finances the Betteravia Administration Building addition and the Public Defender Remodel projects. In addition to the financed portion, \$2,025,000 comes from the philanthropic “Aware and Prepare Initiative”, and \$171,504 from the Office of Emergency Services Communication Fund. Note that the exact amount of funds transferred to the EOC project as a result of the May 10, 2011 actions is approximately \$30,000 more than originally estimated due to interest accumulation and use of exact spending figures. Funding is available in Fund 0030, Department 063, Account 8700, Program 1930, Project 8666.

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Est. Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund		\$ 92,000	
Aware & Prepare Initiative			\$ 2,025,000
OES Communication Fund			\$ 171,504
Fees			
Other: RZEDB/COP financing	\$ 796,121.00		\$ 5,411,496
5/10/2011 Project substitution transfers	\$ 280,006.00		\$ 280,006
Interest			\$ 10,081
Total	\$ 1,076,127.00	\$ 92,000	\$ 7,898,087

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please forward one copy of the minute order to Celeste Manolas, General Services Department - Support Services Division, Courthouse East Wing.

Attachments:

1. Draft copy of the Construction Contract
2. Contract Summary

Authored by: Celeste Manolas, Project Manager, (568-2622)