

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 10/26/05  
**Department Name:** FIRE  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 11/8/05  
**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

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**CONTACT:** Joe Guzzardi, Planner, Fire/OES, 681-5556

**SUBJECT:** Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Remotec Bomb Squad Robot

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure a Remotec Robot in an amount not to exceed \$165,000 under the terms and conditions of the Fiscal Year 2004 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 that the Board of Supervisors waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of a Remotec Bomb Squad Robot. The robot will become a component of a new, second Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad. Bomb Squad personnel have already received extensive training related to the operation and maintenance of the existing robot, and will therefore benefit from the procurement of an identical Remotec robot. Due to the proprietary nature of the bomb squad robot, Remotec, Inc. is the only vendor able to meet the specifications identical to the existing robot.

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**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The purchase of this bomb squad robot will enhance the emergency response capabilities of Santa Barbara County and mutual aid agencies to respond to terrorism incidents.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This item is included in the Fire Department Fiscal Year 2005/2006 adjusted budget and will be reimbursed 100% by the FY2004 Homeland Security Grant Program. There are no facilities impacts.

**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 Agent, Sheriff's Department