

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 4/5/04  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 4/27/04  
**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, Emergency Services Manager, Fire/OES, 681-5559  
Joe Guzzardi, Emergency Services Coordinator, Fire/OES, 681-5556

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

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure Explosive Ordnance Device Videoscope System from Inspection Technologies, Inc. (not a local vendor) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure an X-Ray Source and Digital Imaging System from Golden Engineering, Inc. (not a local vendor) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000

under the terms and conditions of the Fiscal Year 2003 Part II State Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Award without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are 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 specialized equipment to enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Bomb Squad. The equipment purchase would include an Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) Videoscope System that has been determined to meet the specific needs of the Sheriff's Bomb Squad and promote increased safety in EOD investigations. The Videoscope System incorporates the use a patented Protecht® flexible scope mechanism and unique Blue Light Fiber Optics to deliver images from otherwise inaccessible spaces. The equipment purchase also includes an XR-150 X-Ray Source and an accompanying Digital Imaging

System that is provided by a single manufacturer, Golden Engineering, Inc. This unique x-ray system would enable the Bomb Squad to acquire high quality x-ray images while minimizing risk to Sheriff's Bomb Squad personnel.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The purchase of this specialized equipment will enable the Sheriff's Bomb Squad to conduct explosive ordnance device searches more safely and more efficiently.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding for these equipment purchases would be from the Fiscal Year 2003 Part II State Homeland Security Grant Program. A budget revision has been created to cover this \$60,000 combined purchase.

**Special Instructions:**

Certified Copy of Minute Order to:

Rose Pueschel, Santa Barbara County Fire

John McMillin, Purchasing Agent

Office of Emergency Services

**Concurrence:** County Administrator, County Counsel, Purchasing Agent.