



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 8/14/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

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 Law Enforcement Equipment**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure in-car video equipment and supplies relevant to the in-car video equipment for the Sheriff's Department without a formal bid process and authorize Coban Research and Technologies as the sole source vendor for the period ending June 30, 2008.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department has equipped all patrol vehicles with in-car video systems. Such in-car video systems record events that occur in front of a patrol vehicle when activated. Recently it was noted that 15 of the units now in service are of the Generation I vintage. Generation I is no longer serviced by the vendor. These units need to be replaced as soon as possible. This action provides for the ability to acquire in-car video systems from Coban Research and Technologies as a sole source vendor, for the period ending June 30, 2008. It is anticipated the department will spend approximately \$75,000 on the in-car video systems during this time frame.

Coban Research and Technologies is the sole authorized distributor for Coban in-car video systems. This eliminates the opportunity for any other vendor to sell the Coban product. The Sheriff's Department acquired the units currently in use from International Business Machines in 2004. Since then Coban Research and Technologies has retained exclusive rights to sell the units.

Background:

This request continues the Sheriff's Department's commitment to provide digital in-car video/audio recording systems and the infrastructure to support such a systems in the Sheriff's patrol vehicles. A study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) regarding deployment of video/audio recording systems has proven that it increases officer safety, improves agency accountability, reduces agency liability, advances prosecution and case resolution and enhances officer performance and professionalism.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

This request is funded in Program 1012, Org Unit 6054.

Special Instructions:

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

Authored by:

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