



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: August 23, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff's Office Bill Brown (ext. 4290)
Contact Info: Lieutenant Ryan Sullivan (ext. 4356)

SUBJECT: Approve a Contract with Satellite Tracking of People (STOP) for GPS Monitoring services for a term ending 8/31/2020 and an amount not to exceed \$900,000.00

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Contract with Satellite Tracking of People, LLC (not a local vendor) for electronic monitoring services for the Sheriff's Office for the period effective 9/1/2016 through 8/31/2020 (four years), in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.00.
- b) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

The Sheriff's Office's Alternative Sentencing Bureau (ASB) provides a means for sentenced offenders to serve their jail sentences in-lieu of physical incarceration within the jail. ASB programs (Electronic Monitoring Program (EM) and Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP)) assist in reducing overcrowding within the jail by allowing qualified participants to be supervised in the community while serving their sentence. The Electronic Monitoring Program allows offenders to serve their sentence on home detention while being monitored by Global Positioning System (GPS) devices which are affixed to the offenders' ankle.

Satellite Tracking of People, LLC (STOP) provides GPS devices for the Sheriff's Office to utilize for this program. In addition to providing GPS devices, STOP operates a monitoring center which receives

alerts if the GPS device encounters one of several different types of situations, including the removal of the device, tampering with the device, zone violations or low batteries as well as other alerts. The monitoring center notifies ASB staff via telephone, text message or email depending on the severity of the alert. ASB staff then follow-up on the noted violation with the individual offender(s). STOP maintains a web-based monitoring service which ASB staff utilizes to track offenders and monitor their movements.

This contract was competitively bid by the State of Washington on behalf of the Western State Contracting Alliance (WSCA) and the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) which was recently renamed NASPO Value Point. Due to this cooperative purchasing agreement, the cost per device per day associated with this contract will decrease.

Background:

STOP is the current vendor for electronic monitoring services for the Sheriff's Office. On 10/14/2008, the Board approved a four-year contract with STOP for electronic monitoring services. On 10/2/2012, the Board approved a renewal of the contract with STOP for one year with automatic renewals for three one-year terms, with the latest one-year term set to expire 8/31/2016.

This new contract decreases the daily per device fees associated with GPS monitoring. This will allow the Sheriff's Office to provide the same level of service and electronic monitoring program to qualified offenders at a reduced price. Qualified candidates are generally low and medium risk offenders without significant violent or sexually based offense convictions. Candidates are screened on a case-by-case basis by Alternative Sentencing Bureau staff. Offenders are expected to pay a daily fee based on their ability to pay, which offsets the costs of the program.

In FY14-15 and FY15-16, the Sheriff's Office spent over \$200,000.00 annually on electronic monitoring services for offenders. The proposed cost per device per day will decrease with this contract. However, the number of offenders on Electronic Monitoring fluctuates based on jail population and the amount of qualified candidates.

Performance Measure:

In 2015, Alternative Sentencing Bureau programs allowed an average of 143 offenders per day to serve their jail sentence while living in the community. ASB programs increase offenders' chances of success by allowing them to maintain their relationships with family members, maintain job stability and participate in educational and/or treatment opportunities available in the community. ASB programs also cost less than incarceration, making it the preferred custody choice for lower risk offenders.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The proposed contract provides for a daily rate of \$3.00 per device for active GPS devices and \$0.10 per device for monitoring center services, for a daily rate total of \$3.10 per device in use. This cost is

budgeted for in Line Item 7460 of the Sheriff's General Fund budget for FY2016-17. The contract is a four year contract, not to exceed \$900,000.00 over the life of the contract.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board, please send two (2) copies of the fully executed contract, two (2) copies of the executed Participating addendum, and a minute order to Doug Martin, CFO, Sheriff's Office.

Attachments:

- 1) Three (3) original copies of the board contract between the County and Satellite Tracking of People, LLC (STOP);
- 2) Board Contract Summary;
- 3) Contract #00212 with Satellite Tracking of People for Electronic Monitoring of Offenders;
- 4) Three (3) original copies of the Participating addendum NASPO ValuePoint Electronic Monitoring of Offenders Master Agreement;
- 5) Satellite Tracking of People LLC WSCA Contract Pricing;
- 6) Previous Contract Amendment (BC 09-049A1) with Satellite Tracking of People, LLC and lease agreement dated September 1, 2012;

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