



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: May 15, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Information and Communication Services Division
SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in the Procurement of Replacement Public Safety Handheld Radios

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure, without requiring a formal bid process, 305 tri-band public safety handheld radios with accessories from Motorola Solutions, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,631,400, within FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19;
- b) Approve a waiver of competitive bidding and find that procuring tri-band public safety handheld radios with accessories from Motorola Solutions is needed because they comply with modern and legacy standards for compatibility with existing countywide fire, emergency medical and law enforcement assets operating on conventional VHF and UHF frequencies and the pricing is comparable to other California Counties; and
- c) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act and is exempt per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is a government fiscal activities which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and Probation Department require handheld radios that are capable of interagency communication with the City of Santa Maria Police Department. Presently, the City of Santa Maria operates using a modern radio communication standard that is not supported on current equipment owned by the County. This lack of communication prevents county deputies and probation officers from communicating with the City of Santa Maria's Police Department during life and safety incidents.

Background:

Currently, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and Probation Department are using antiquated radios that do not operate on the Project 25 (P25 or APCO-25) standard. In order to communicate with the Santa Maria Police Department, Sheriff and Probation personnel need to upgrade to tri-band radios. P25 is a suite of standards for digital mobile radio communications designed for use by public safety organizations in North America. P25 radios are a direct replacement for analog UHF radios but add the ability to transfer data as well as voice.

The City of Santa Maria Police Department leverages a Motorola radio backhaul system and can fully interoperate with all features on the Motorola handheld radios. The tri-band Motorola radios provide communication using the P25 standard as well as VHF and UHF frequencies. This allows communication with mutual aid partners on both modern and legacy standards.

The added benefits of adopting the modern P25 communication standard include:

- Increased communication capacity through talk groups
- Encryption of sensitive law enforcement voice communication
- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) integration
- Locking down and tracking of lost handheld radios
- Remote upgrades to radio programming and firmware updates
- Text message capability for communication accuracy (names, plates, etc.)

In order to have the optimal coverage and coordination with all subject area jurisdictions, the acquisition of Motorola handheld tri-band radios is required and a bid waiver necessary. The full replacement is a five year project.

County Code section 2-39 generally requires competitive bidding for purchases, but allows the Board to waive it for purchases over \$25,000 if there are limitations on the source or supply, necessary restrictions in specifications, or other valid reasons provided that a full record of circumstances is made. Due to the reasons noted above, this action requires a waiver of competitive bidding.

Performance Measure:

The handheld radios will allow for effective law enforcement communication and mutual aid between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Maria.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 2018-19</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	300,000	678,000	978,000
Sheriff	244,000	187,000	431,000
Probation	128,800	93,600	222,400
Total	672,800	958,600	1,631,400

Narrative: Current FY 2017-18 costs are budgeted in the Department's budget. Subsequent fiscal years appropriations are contingent on Board Approval of Operating Budgets. The FY 2018-19 Recommended Budget, and as discussed during the April 2018 Budget Workshops, includes funding (\$678k) for the 2nd Year of the 5-year replacement project. Subsequent Budget Revisions may follow to transfer funding to General Services.

Staffing Impacts:

NA

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