

# Agenda Report

January 10, 2011

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** FINANCE COMMITTEE

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$470,000 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET GRANT FUND AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE HELICOPTER**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$470,000 from the 2009 Sub-Grantee Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and appropriate these funds to the FY2011 Fire Department's Operating Budget, grant fund;
- 2) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract to Paravion Technology, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002[C] contracts for labor, material, supplies or services available from only one vendor, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 for the purchase of a computer-based mapping system;
- 3) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract to FLIR Systems Inc., without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002[H] contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the purchase of a thermal imaging device.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On December 6, 2010 the City recognized \$163,000 in funding from the 2007 Homeland Security Grant. These funds were used to purchase specialized equipment, an Augmented Reality (ARS) mapping system, for a police helicopter. The ARS mapping system links live video images over a GIS based aerial mapping platform, on a

single screen, thereby allowing air crews to precisely mark important images and or landmarks during the investigation of public safety matters.

Recently the Department of Homeland Security announced the availability of funds from the 2009 Homeland Security Grant and the award to Pasadena of \$470,000 in funds. Similar to the prior award, these funds will be used to outfit the Police Department's Jet Ranger helicopter with an ARS mapping system as well as a thermal imaging camera (FLIR system) that will enhance response capabilities to a variety of incidents. Pursuant to the grant requirements the City will be required to spend funds and submit for reimbursement no later than April 30, 2012.

The ARS mapping system is a proprietary product of Paravion Technologies and for this reason is exempt from Competitive Bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002[C]. As it relates to the FLIR system, recently the City of Tuscon, AZ completed a selection process for similar equipment. FLIR has offered to extend the same bid price to Pasadena, which pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) will enable the City to dispense with a competitive bidding process for that equipment as well.

The total amount of the proposed purchase orders is not to exceed \$410,000. The remaining amount of the grant award, \$60,000, will be used to cover the cost of installation.


**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The recommended action furthers the City Council's strategic plan goal to ensure public safety.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**


The recommended action will increase appropriations in the Fire Department's FY 2011 Operating Budget Grant Fund by \$470,000. The Fire Department is the City's designated single point of contact for Homeland Security Grant processing. These grants are 100 percent reimbursement programs as long as pre-purchase requirements are followed by grant recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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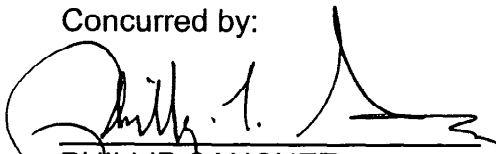
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**Disclosure Pursuant to the  
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment  
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

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**1. Contractor/Organization Name:** Paravian Technology Inc.

**2. Type of Entity:**  
 non-government     nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)

**3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:**

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**4. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:**

<u>NA</u>

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