

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL MARCH 21, 2005
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER WITH THE MOTOROLA CORP. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$172,091 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PORTABLE RADIO MIGRATION PLAN.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council:

- (1) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to the Motorola Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$172,091 for the purchase of digital radios; and
- (2) Grant the proposed purchase order an exemption from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (C), contracts for labor, materials, supplies or services available from only one vendor.

BACKGROUND

On September 20, 2004, City Council recognized and appropriated \$1,391,084 in Homeland Security grant funds for the purchase of counter terrorism equipment and training, along with reimbursement for costs associated with an on-going terrorism warning system. Within these funds, \$179,569 was designated for the purchase of hand held digital radios for the Health Department (6 radios) and Police Department (37 radios).

This purchase is part of a multi-phased approach to upgrading the entire Police radio system. The migration of portable radios to a digital platform began in 1997. Motorola was recognized as the vendor of choice at that time. Each subsequent year the Police Department has gained Council approval to purchase as many Motorola digital portable radios as possible through identified funding sources.

While the radios of virtually any manufacture can be modified to reach the desired frequencies, the critical issue is operational compatibility in life safety and emergency situations. The proposed radios are compatible with the existing fleet of upgraded radios. Radio shop personnel have a working knowledge of the hardware and programming software for these radios. Police personnel have developed critical knowledge of how they operate and can assist new users with functionality questions even in a crisis situation. Additionally, parts including batteries and battery chargers are interchangeable between existing radios and the


proposed radios; a critical issue when in the field and in emergency situations. These radios are also compatible with other countywide projects such as the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) and the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System (LARTCS).

Approving Motorola Corporation as the sole provider of radio equipment will ensure compatibility with our current fleet. It is in the City's best interest to utilize this vendor for this purchase.

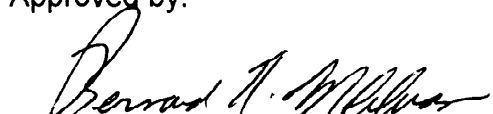
FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this purchase was allocated from the 2004 State Homeland Security Program (\$44,081) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (\$135,488). These funds are currently available in the FY05 Police Department Operating Budget (8109-230-401000-91091-85) and Health Department Operating Budget (8109-230-56100-91091-85).


Respectfully submitted,


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