

# Agenda Report

To: CITY COUNCIL

Date: April 30, 2007

From: CITY MANAGER

Subject: PURCHASE OF P-25 COMPLIANT COMPREHENSIVE RADIO SYSTEMS FOR THE POLICE HELICOPTERS

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to AirComm Airborne Audio Products not to exceed \$259,549 for the purchase and installation of four Technisonic TDFM 7000 radio systems in the police helicopters; and
- (2) Grant the proposed purchase order an exemption from the competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors.

## **BACKGROUND**

Currently, the police helicopters are not capable of communicating on a trunked radio system. A trunked system is where a number of radio channels are pooled together, and depending on demand, the frequencies are distributed according to traffic levels. Many police and fire agencies are operating on a trunked system and are already part of the Interagency Communications Interoperability System or ICIS. The Pasadena Fire Department is in the process of going operational on ICIS and the police helicopters will no longer be able to communicate directly with fire personnel.

In 2006, the Foothill Air Support Team (FAST) applied for and received funding through the FY 2006 Sub-grantee Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) to enhance the interoperability of the police helicopters communication systems. On February 26, 2007, the City Council recognized the funds from the FY 2006 SHSGP.

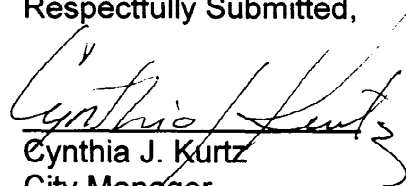
Our police helicopters are equipped with analog and digital radios and adding a trunked communications system would strengthen our information sharing with other law enforcement and fire departments. AirComm Airborne Audio Products is a civilian

contractor with a current contract with the Glendale Police Department to install the same Technisonic TDFM 7000 radio system in their police helicopters. By attaching the Pasadena Police Department to the Glendale Police Department contract Pasadena can purchase the system for the same base price of \$33,651 per radio. This is a savings of \$4,654 per radio.

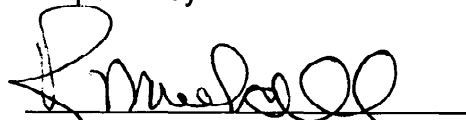
**FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient funds exist within the State Homeland Security Grant Program, account number 8504-401000-91116, to support the purchase.

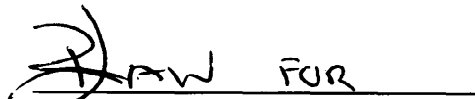
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