

# Agenda Report

August 13, 2012

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Finance Committee

**FROM:** Department of Information Technology

**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION AND APPROPRIATION OF \$330,774 IN GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACTS NOT TO EXCEED \$257,812 FOR POLICE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Recognize and appropriate \$330,774 from the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) to the Fire Grants Fund 230, Project 91147;
2. Authorize the issuance of purchase order contracts to Aeroflex Wichita, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$105,087 and Motorola Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$152,725 for the purchase of various police communications equipment. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services; and
3. Grant the proposed purchase order contracts exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, Chapter 4.08 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, pursuant to Section 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) periodically makes grant awards to local agencies to fund a variety of public safety needs. Earlier this year the City received a grant of \$500,000 which is being used to fund the purchase and implementation of communication equipment and software necessary for the Pasadena Police Department to participate in LA-RICS. LA-RICS is the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communication System, which is a modern, integrated wireless voice and

data communication system designed and built to serve law enforcement, fire service and health service professionals throughout Los Angeles County.

Recently, SHSGP issued a notification that additional funding has been made available to local agencies. As with the prior award, these additional grant funds are awarded on a reimbursement basis wherein participating agencies expend funds and are reimbursed. This latest grant requires all expenditures to be completed by September 30, 2012 in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

Upon notification of the additional funding opportunity, Pasadena submitted a request for the purchase of wireless communications test equipment for maintaining radios in optimum condition, and portable radios and accessories for the Police Department to operate on both the Pasadena system and the LA-RICS infrastructure. SHSGP has approved this request and awarded the City of Pasadena \$330,774.

In October 2003, following a competitive selection process, the State of Washington, through the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA), executed an eight-year agreement with selected vendors for public safety communication equipment and services. This agreement was extended for two years through October 29, 2013 for select vendors, including Aeroflex Wichita, Inc. and Motorola Solutions, Inc. The agreement with Aeroflex Wichita, Inc. allows for a 4% discount off of their manufacturer list price for service monitors to test radio equipment. The agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. allows for a 21.5% discount off of their current list price for portable radios and accessories. The purchase of the equipment at these discounted rates is possible through the WSCA contract, which creates multi-State contracts in order to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services. These contracts are made available to all State and other government entities. In addition to the savings available to the City by purchasing under the WSCA agreement, given the short time period provided by SHSGP to expend grant funds, the City would be unlikely to meet the deadline were it to undertake a competitive bid process. Consequently, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the issuance of purchase order contracts to Aeroflex Wichita, Inc. for \$105,087 and Motorola Solutions, Inc. for \$152,725, for the purchase of the required equipment. In addition to the two purchase order contracts requested above, the remaining grant funds of \$72,963 will be spent on items that will be informally bid and not require further Council approval, ensuring all grant funds are spent by the deadline of September 30, 2012.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety by enhancing the emergency radio communications throughout Area C.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City will be fully reimbursed for the equipment cost from Los Angeles County and the 2009 SHSGP grant; therefore there is no fiscal impact as a result of this action. There are no ongoing support cost requirements for this equipment, other than minimal staff support over the useful life of the equipment, which will be absorbed in DoIT's annual adopted operating budget. The anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action will be minimal.

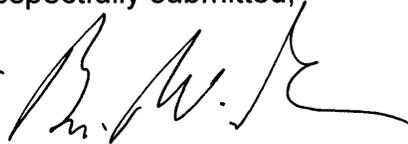
The table below presents a summary of the revenue and expense accounts that will be receiving the 2009 SHSGP funds.

Revenue	
6365-230-361000-91147	\$165,387
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Expense	
8109-230-361000-91147	\$ 60,300
8504-230-361000-91147	\$105,087
8109-230-401000-91147	\$165,387
<b>Total Grant</b>	<b>\$330,774</b>

The following table presents an overall summary of this Report

Fire Grants Fund – Project 91147	\$330,774
Administration – DoIT (Fund 501)	\$ 10,000
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$340,774</b>

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