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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS AND
PURCHASE OF HELICOPTER VIDEO DOWN LINK SYSTEM**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: CITYWIDE

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution which authorizes the City Manager, or a designated representative, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$192,783 from the U.S. Office of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness; to suspend formal competitive bidding for the purchase of a video down linking system; and to execute the purchase from FLIR Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$192,783.

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Department, 433-0816
Dave Johnson, Lieutenant, Sacramento Police
Department, 264-5480**

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 14, 2003

SUMMARY:

The Police Department is requesting authorization to accept \$192,783 in Federal grant funds from the U.S. Office of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness. This grant funding is designed to increase and improve the capabilities of first responders to prepare, prevent, and respond to terrorist threats or attacks. The grant funding will allow for the purchase of a video down link system for the Police Department's

The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

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helicopter. The Police Department is also requesting authorization to suspend formal competitive bidding for the purchase of the video down link system and to execute the purchase from FLIR Systems, Inc.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Homeland Security Operational Area Council established an Operational Area Working Group to determine the distribution of the grant funds awarded to the Sacramento area. It was determined that \$192,783 be allocated to the Sacramento Police Department to purchase a video down link system for its helicopter.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In August 2003, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness awarded \$2,985,940 to the Sacramento Operational Area under the 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Part II Supplemental Appropriation. Grant funds were awarded to the County of Sacramento with a requirement that sixty percent of the funds are to be distributed equally between fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and emergency medical service providers and the remaining forty percent to be distributed on a discretionary basis by the Operational Area Council. An Operational Area Working Group was established to determine the distribution of the funding and to determine priorities for the acquisition of equipment. Based on the recommendations of the working group, the Sacramento Police Department was allocated \$192,783 to purchase a video down link system to increase the command and control capabilities throughout the Operational Area.

In December 1999, the Police Department received Council approval to purchase video and thermal imaging cameras capable of broadcasting real-time information from its helicopters to supervisors in the event of unusual occurrences. This technology can be used to broadcast vehicle pursuits to watch commanders, provide intelligence on search warrants and civil unrest, locate missing or wanted persons by their heat signature, provide information on conditions of levees during severe weather, and perform other public safety duties as required. In order to perform these critical public safety tasks, several requirements were placed on the system. In researching both visible and infrared light recording cameras with video down linking capabilities, only two vendors were found worldwide. The Police Department evaluated the two systems from FLIR Systems, Inc. and Wescam, Inc. and determined that the equipment available from FLIR had critical features not available on the Wescam model. In addition, the total cost of the FLIR system was less than that offered by Wescam.

The Police Department currently has hardware installed in both of its helicopters but only has one camera, therefore, one camera is moved back and forth between the two helicopters. The purchase of an additional system will allow both helicopters to have its

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own system and will be compatible with the existing system that can be interchanged when necessary.

The Police Department is requesting authorization to suspend formal competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of the video down link system from FLIR Systems, Inc. to maintain compatibility with the existing hardware already installed in both helicopters.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The County of Sacramento, the lead agency for the FY 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Part II Supplemental Appropriation, was awarded \$2,985,940 for planning, training, acquiring equipment, and administration. Grant funds will be used to update the regional plans related to Weapons of Mass Destruction response, update and/or conduct a new needs assessment for the Operational Area, provide Weapons of Mass Destruction training to first response personnel, and purchase equipment to increase command and control capabilities throughout the Operational Area. The Sacramento Police Department was allocated \$192,783 to purchase a video down link system. The total cost of the FLIR system is \$192,783 which will be fully reimbursed through the Homeland Security Part II Supplemental Appropriation. There is no cash match required for this grant.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Accepting grant funds to implement policing programs is consistent with previously adopted policy directed at citywide implementation of the community oriented policing philosophy. This recommendation is in accordance with the provisions of City Code Section 571.04.401(c) which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

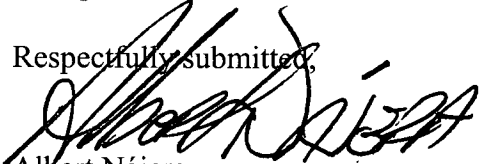
Ongoing administrative and maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public works construction project, do not constitute a "project" and are therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(1) and 15378 (b)(3).

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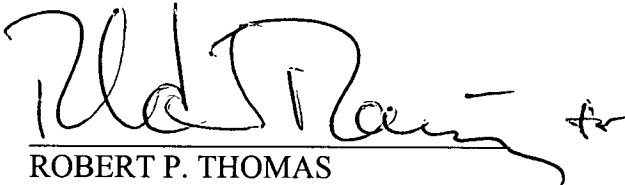
ESBD EFFORTS:

Flir Systems, Inc. and Wescam, Inc. are not certified as emerging or small businesses. There are no other known vendors for this product.

Respectfully submitted,


Albert Nájera
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

AN:ck

Attachments

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Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Funding, Suspension of Formal Competitive Bidding, and Purchase of Video Down Link System from FLIR Systems, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-714
ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____



RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, SUSPEND FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VIDEO DOWN LINKING SYSTEM, AND EXECUTE THE PURCHASE FROM FLIR SYSTEMS, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento desires to participate in the Sacramento Operational Area Homeland Security Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City Manager, or a designated representative, is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, including any extensions or amendments thereof, to implement a Homeland Security Program.
2. In the best interest of the City of Sacramento, formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of a video down link system.
3. The City Manager, or a designated representative, is hereby authorized to execute the purchase of a video down link system from FLIR Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$192,783.
4. The grant revenue budget will be increased by \$192,783 (255-OGR-GXXX-3513).
5. The grant operating budget will be increased by \$192,783 (255-OGR-GXXXX-4630).

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____