



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
May 27, 2008

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Reimbursement Agreement for Interoperability Equipment and Services for the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS)

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the County of Sacramento (County) to reimburse the County for expenditures made for Sacramento Regional Radio Communication System services and equipment.

Contact: Jacqueline Dowden, Police Captain, 277-1750

Presenters: N/A

Department: Police

Division: Communications

Organization No: 2152

Description/Analysis

Issue: The County of Sacramento, Office of Communication and Information Technology, maintains and operates the regional 800 MHz radio system, known as the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRCCS). City public safety departments, including the Police Department and Fire Department, rely upon SRRCS for communications.

City Council approval is required to execute an agreement to reimburse the County for the costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the SRCCS. The City will reimburse the County with Federal Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funding previously approved for this purchase.

Policy Considerations: Use of the COPS grant funding is consistent with past practices of using grant funding towards realizing the City Council's strategic goal to establish and strengthen community and regional partnerships to provide community safety and to enhance the quality of life.

Environmental Considerations: This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt

pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Commission/Committee Action: There were no prior commission/committee actions related to the recommendations contained in this report.

Rationale for Recommendation: In response to life safety lessons learned from both the September 11, 2001 tragedy and Hurricane Katrina disaster, this project will continue to help move the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento region closer to achieving fully-integrated regional 800 MHz radio interoperability. The upgrades to be provided will further strengthen and enhance the various regional law enforcement agencies' ability to communicate with each other in the event a major disaster or crisis occurs within the Sacramento region.

Financial Considerations: In December 2007, the City Council authorized acceptance of \$5.7 million in COPS grant funding (Resolution 2007-872) for the purpose of reimbursing the County for maintenance and operation of the SRRCs. The recommended agreement does not obligate any additional funding and will not impact the General Fund.

Under the terms of the agreement the City shall only reimburse the County if the City first receives reimbursement from the Department of Justice.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The County of Sacramento will be purchasing the goods and services, pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jacqueline Dowden, Captain

Approved by:

Rick Brazier, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


Ray Kerndge
City Manager

Ref: COP

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Attachment 1**Background**

The September 11, 2001, tragedy exposed serious gaps in the nation's ability to coordinate emergency services between and amongst public safety agencies in the event of such a critical incident. Acting on lessons learned from the tragedy with regard to emergency communications, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Project 25 came into existence. In an effort to create an enhanced, fully interoperable, digital radio system, minimal federal radio standards were established. A total replacement of the system with an all-digital P-25 compatible design is anticipated by 2015 and projected total regional cost is approximately \$60 million. The Sacramento Police Department, as a member of the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) consortium, has already taken the beginning steps towards this goal.

In the Fall of 2004 the Sacramento Police Department received a COPS office grant in the amount of \$6 million with a \$2 million match provided by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS). The monies from this grant were used to replace aging and antiquated equipment, strengthen the backbone of the region's 800 MHz radio communications system, and provide components to assist with a future all-digital migration.

In June 2007 the Sacramento Police Department was invited to apply for grant funding to continue the progress made towards implementing a fully interoperable regional 800 MHz radio communication in the Sacramento region. The application was submitted in partnership with SRRCS (which also includes grant partners Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Sacramento City Fire Department, and Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District as well as many other regional law enforcement agencies).

In December 2007 the City Council authorized acceptance of a \$5.7 million COPS 2007 Technology Program Grant (Resolution 2007-872). That three-year grant is to be used for the purpose of upgrading 800 MHz interoperability in the Sacramento region. The Sacramento Police Department is responsible for administering the grant money. The County, through its Office of Communications and Information Technology (OCIT), operates and maintains the SRRCS. The City of Sacramento, including the Police and Fire Departments and other City Departments, rely upon SRRCS for communications.

Under the terms of the agreement, OCIT will coordinate all purchases related to the grant through County Purchasing while adhering to the grant guidelines relating to sole source and sole vendor bids. The County will submit all grant related invoices to the Sacramento Police Department (SPD). SPD will submit the invoices for reimbursement to the Department of Justice. The City will not reimburse the County for any invoice unless the City first receives reimbursement funds from the Department of Justice.

Highlights of anticipated achievements for this interoperability grant project include:

- The purchase and installation of two 25-channel 800 MHz trunked radio sites, including site reconfiguration and relocation
- The purchase and installation of ten 700 MHz/800 MHz conventional radio repeaters
- The purchase and installation of one VHF lo-band CLEMARS repeater
- The purchase of two transportable trunked radio sites
- The purchase and programming of two-hundred-fifty portable radios
- A regional mobile data study
- Project manager/consultant services
- Travel and training related to grant management and operations
- The purchase of communications supplies

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR INTEROPERABILITY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (SRRCS)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Federal Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) provides funding to law enforcement agencies for public safety purposes. The COPS office has allocated \$5.7 million in funding for a 3-year grant to upgrade 800 MHz radio interoperability in the Sacramento region. The City Council, by Resolution 2007-872, authorized acceptance of this grant funding.
- B. The County of Sacramento, Office of Communication and Information Technology, maintains and operates the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS), which is the radio system utilized by City of Sacramento public safety departments.
- C. The County of Sacramento will contract for SRRCS services and equipment in accordance with the COPS grant guidelines, and will seek from the Sacramento Police Department reimbursement with COPS grant funds.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager, or designated representative, is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement with the County of Sacramento (County) to reimburse the County for expenditures made for Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System services and equipment.