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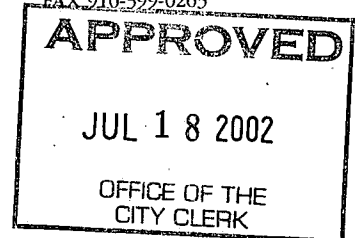
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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

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**SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF IN-CAR-CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN A  
TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$408,404.83**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution which suspends formal competitive bidding for the purchase of in-car-cameras for the Police Department and which authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary purchase from Mobile-Vision, 90 Fanny Road, Boonton, NJ, 07005, in a total amount not to exceed \$408,404.83.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Jim Jarosick, Police Sergeant, 264-7705  
Dennis Kerhulas, Senior Buyer, 433-6242

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING:** July 18, 2002

**SUMMARY:**

This report recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution which suspends formal competitive bidding, and authorizes the City Manager to issue the necessary purchase order to Mobile-Vision for in-car-cameras in a total amount not to exceed \$408,404.83.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 24, 2001, the City Council authorized the City Manager to accept a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purchase of in-car-cameras. The cameras act as an independent witness of law enforcement activities, minimize the time officers spend in court and improve conviction rates. The Police Department field tested in-car-cameras from Mobile-Vision and Kustom Signals,

which are the only vendors which produce VHS in-car-camera systems. Mobile-Vision, however, is the company whose in-car-camera system includes two important features required by the Police Department. The first feature insures that the audio is automatically engaged whenever the camera is recording. The second feature provides simultaneous recording of audio/video for several officers at the same location. Only Mobile-Vision provides this feature with its 900 MHz wireless microphone. Each microphone is synchronized to its individual police vehicle frequency, which allows for multiple vehicles at the same scene to record the incident(s).

Based on this field testing, staff recommends that City Council suspend formal competitive bidding, and authorize the City Manager to issue the necessary purchase order for the proposed in-car-camera systems to Mobile-Vision, 90 Fanny Road, Boonton, NJ, 07005, in a total amount not to exceed \$408,404.83.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Sufficient funds are available in the Police Department's 2001 (G319) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The current project has been determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under Section 15061(b)(3), which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The current proposal involves only the purchase of in-car-cameras for use by City Police Department. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

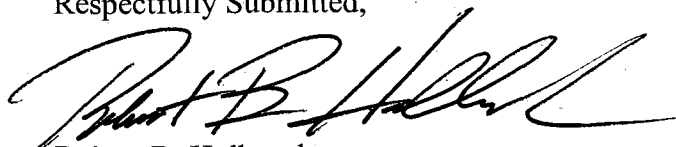
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The recommendations in this report are in accordance with provisions of the City Code section 3.56.230(c), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

**ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:**

Mobile-Vision is not a certified Emerging or Small Business Enterprise.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert B. Holbrook  
Procurement Services Manager

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

**APPROVED**  
JUL 18 2002  
OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-476**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF IN-CAR-CAMERAS FROM MOBILE-VISION IN A TOTAL  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$408,404.83

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. In the best interest of the City of Sacramento, formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of in-car-cameras for the Police Department; and
2. The City Manager is authorized to issue the necessary purchase order to Mobile-Vision for in car-cameras in a total amount not to exceed \$408,404.83.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_