



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
October 19, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant: Capital-Bay Interoperable Communications Project

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept up to \$472,000 in Homeland Security Grant Program funding from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency, sub-granted through the City and County of San Francisco; 2) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to establish a grant project for the Capital-Bay Interoperable Communications Project (#G11007500); 3) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to adjust the necessary Police Department grant expense and revenue budgets to implement the Capital-Bay Interoperable Communications Project; 4) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento, the necessary Agreement with the City and County of San Francisco for the purpose of implementing the Capital-Bay Interoperable Communications Project; and 5) approve the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Contract #02702 for the purchase of microwave equipment from Aviat Networks in an amount not to exceed \$472,000.

Contact: Steve Quinn, Lieutenant, Homeland Security, (916) 874-2172

Presenters: Not applicable.

Department: Police

Division: Homeland Security

Organization No: 11001411

Description/Analysis

Issue: Staff recommends adoption of a Resolution to accept, budget, and enter into agreements with the City/County of San Francisco and the Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, and San Mateo to increase interoperable voice communications for public safety and public service agencies between the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento region. In addition, staff recommends the purchase of up to \$472,000 in microwave equipment through a cooperative purchasing agreement with Aviat Networks.

Policy Considerations: Acceptance of this funding is consistent with past

practices of using grant funding to increase public safety. City Council Resolution #2010-388 requires City Council approval to accept grant funding, establish a grant project, and appropriate funding when the grant award is in excess of \$100,000. The recommendation is in accordance with Sacramento City Council Resolution #2010-346. Aviat Networks is headquartered in the state of California. The proposed contract award is consistent with Resolution #2010-346 prohibiting the City from entering into any contract to purchase goods or services from any business or entity headquartered in Arizona

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Ongoing administrative maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials, do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(2).

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable.

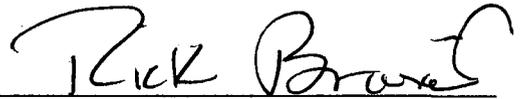
Rationale for Recommendation: It is in the best interest of the City of Sacramento to accept grant funding from the City and County of San Francisco for purposes of the Capital-Bay interoperable communications project and to enter into agreement with the City/County of San Francisco, who will act as the grant fiscal agent, the Counties of Contra Costa and San Mateo and the County of Sacramento who, through the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) consortium, will implement the project for the following reasons:

- Interoperable communications are an essential component to first responder preparation and response to critical incidents, including, but not limited to natural disasters or acts of terrorism.
- The project will help connect public safety communications between the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento area. This is one of several interoperable communications projects underway throughout both regions. Presently, the region's system, midway through its lifecycle, is managed by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) Consortium. The SRRCS has more than 80 primary and secondary subscribers to the radio system, of which the City of Sacramento is a primary subscriber. With an estimated cost of more than \$60 million to complete its migration and achieve full interoperability with the region's radio communications system, external funding opportunities such as the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) help fund regional planning and governance efforts. This project will increase interoperability along the Interstate 80 (I-80) corridor from the Bay Area to the Nevada state line. On a national scale, projects such as this help the Sacramento region align its interoperable strategic objectives to the National Emergency Communications Plan to further enhance interoperability.
- The HSGP grant will foster interagency and cross-discipline collaboration that extends beyond the Sacramento region.

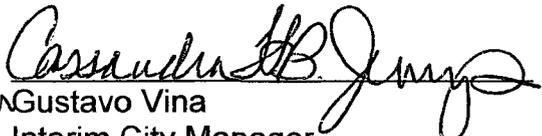
Financial Considerations: Sacramento Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) will receive up to \$472,000 to work with the San Francisco Bay Area UASI and the Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, and San Mateo to implement an interoperable communications project. The project will consist of digital microwave equipment purchases to connect the Sacramento region to the San Francisco Bay Area's Bay LOOP, a digital microwave backbone that allows interoperability across the Bay Area. The equipment will be purchased from Aviat Networks whose quote was established through Cooperative Agreement #02702 with Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA). No grant match is required, and there is no current or future impact to the General Fund or additional monetary requirement to the City of Sacramento.

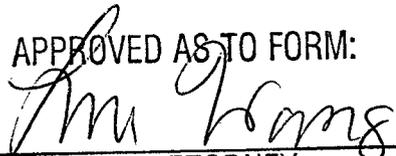
Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development (E/SBD) program requirements whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Steve Quinn, Lieutenant

Approved by: 
Rick Braziel, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


Gustavo Vina
Interim City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

COP Ref. #10-2

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Attachment 1**Background**

The United States Department of Homeland Security allocated funding to the State of California through the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Eligible sub-grantees are the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions. The FY08 application process included a joint interoperable communications project submission between the San Francisco Bay UASI and Sacramento UASI. The application was submitted by San Francisco, who will act as fiscal agent for the grant and sub-grant the funds to the City of Sacramento. Sacramento UASI will receive \$472,000 to work with the San Francisco Bay Area UASI, County of Contra Costa, County of San Mateo and the County of Sacramento / Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) consortium to implement a project to connect voice communications between the Sacramento region and the Bay Area via digital microwave at points along the Interstate 80 (I-80) corridor. The goal is to help improve interoperable communications including communications in collective response to acts of terrorism, critical incidents, natural and man-made disasters.

The Sacramento Region has previously been the recipient of several grant awards for the purposes of improving interoperability for voice and data radio communications systems. The region's system, managed by the SRRCS Consortium, which includes the City of Sacramento as a member, is in the midst of a migration from its current mixed analog-digital system to one that is fully digital and compliant with federal standards.

Funds for the digital microwave project from the California Emergency Management Agency, sub-granted by the City and County of San Francisco, will help offset the estimated cost of achieving full technical and administrative interoperability for region's radio system. In addition, the project will help enhance interoperability between the Sacramento region and the San Francisco Bay Area, which can prove critical in incidents involving mutual aid and overall public safety and public service.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

GRANT AGREEMENT: CAPITAL-BAY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- A. The United States Department of Homeland Security allocated funding to the State of California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Eligible sub-grantees are the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions. San Francisco Bay Area UASI and Sacramento UASI were approved for a joint interoperable communications project. City and County San Francisco will act as the fiscal agent for purposes of the grant. Sacramento may receive up to \$472,000 in grant funding.
- B. The purpose of the grant project is to enhance interoperable communications between the Sacramento region and the San Francisco Bay Area through digital microwaves. The overall goal is to improve the ability of both regions to coordinate communications in a collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism and critical incidents. This grant represents one of many efforts underway that will move the Sacramento region's voice and data communications systems toward achieving full interoperability.
- C. This grant project does not require a cash match and will be implemented by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) Consortium, which includes the City of Sacramento as a member. SRRCS will also coordinate key project activities with the San Francisco Bay UASI, and the Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, and San Mateo.
- D. Staff requests that the City Council approves the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Contract #02702 and authorize the purchase of microwave equipment from Aviat Networks in an amount not to exceed \$472,000. It is advantageous to the city to do so. This recommendation complies with Sacramento § City Code 3.56.240, which allows for use of cooperative contracts through other governmental jurisdictions or public agencies without separate competitive bidding

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

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to accept up to \$472,000 in Homeland Security Grant Program funding from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency, sub-granted through the City and County of San Francisco.

- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to establish a grant project for the Capital-Bay Interoperable Communications Project (#G11007500).
- Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to adjust the necessary Police Department grant expense and revenue budgets to implement the Capital-Bay Interoperable Communications Project.
- Section 4. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Sacramento, the necessary Agreement with the City and County of San Francisco (attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Resolution) for the purpose of implementing the Capital-Bay Interoperable Communications Project.
- Section 5. The Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Contract #02702 is hereby approved for the purchase of microwave equipment from Aviat Networks in an amount not to exceed \$472,000.