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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION, INTENT TO FILE A REQUEST FOR
A SOLE SOURCE SOFTWARE CUSTOMIZATION AGREEMENT WITH WIRELESS
FACILITIES, INCORPORATED (WFI)**

PURPOSE

This letter provides advance notification to your Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations for a sole source agreement with Wireless Facilities, Incorporated (WFI). The proposed agreement with WFI will allow for the customization and demonstration of the proprietary Command and Control Personal Computer application software (C2PC) for the Department's Technology Exploration Unit.

BACKGROUND

The Department is the first-responder and lead agency for the County of Los Angeles. The Department has been seeking to identify and deploy technologies, which can be used during critical incidents. This will allow the Department to manage massive amounts of information, coordinate hundreds of supporting agencies, develop an accurate 'ground truth' and provide an ability for any officer or supervisor of any participating unit in any crisis to provide real-time situational awareness in a coordinated 'observe-orient-decide and act' decision loop.

The Department of Defense (DOD), United States Coast Guard, and Homeland Security Operations Centers deploy such a visual command and control tool which is well proven during emergency and combat operations. The Department believes that the C2PC program, if modified and deployed within law enforcement and emergency

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services at a vehicle level, can provide both the County of Los Angeles and other county law enforcement agencies the required interoperability tool of strategic communication. Once modified, the C2PC-Public Safety (PS) application will provide a common visual presentation in each participant vehicle and at any command center or dispatch location.

WFI has an exclusive agreement with Northrop Grumman Mission Systems Division (NGMS), the sole-proprietor and owner of the C2PC application source code, to modify the C2PC program for law enforcement use. WFI will provide oversight of NGMS's transformation of the C2PC application into a viable law enforcement/first-responder software application.

WFI will develop and define a basic architecture for C2PC-PS, by identifying and incorporating law enforcement processes into C2PC. WFI will demonstrate, in a multiple-vehicle, multiple-fixed site networked environment, C2PC-PS's applicability to the Department's daily patrol operations. The project will help define minimum communications requirements, technical maintenance and support, and help define a law enforcement graphical user interface.

The newly created baseline law enforcement version of the battlefield-proven C2PC system will demonstrate to the federal government, Congress and other national stakeholders, the vision of how a national first-responder command and control system can be efficiently developed and deployed, by using the proven methods and technology already developed for the DOD and Department of Homeland Security.

This project supports federal goals, including Presidential Directive 5, support of interoperable communications for the National Incident Management System. Additionally, there is a high likelihood that if the pilot project is successful, the resulting C2PC program will begin deploying in adjacent jurisdictions teamed with the Department.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The C2PC supports each of the four (4) goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. With the support of this funding source, the Department will realize the achievement of Goal 1: Service Excellence; Goal 2: Workforce Excellence; Goal 3: Organizational Effectiveness; and Goal 4: Fiscal Responsibility. The grant funds will assist the Department in improving the technology used by incident commands and tactical operations, as well as first responder interoperability. The Department is recognized as a national leader in law enforcement technology and is the leading agency for emergency first responders for the County of Los Angeles. The Department continuously seeks out viable interoperability systems, giving the Department the opportunity to complete its mission more effectively and efficiently to benefit the safety and security of residents of the County of Los Angeles. This project also supports

federal goals, including Presidential Directive #5, support of interoperable communications for the National Incident Management System. Additionally, there is a high likelihood that if the pilot project is successful, the resulting C2CP Program will be deployed in adjacent jurisdictions teamed with the Department.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

One hundred percent of the cost for C2PC customization services is subvented with a grant provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant was accepted by your Board on August 8, 2006, and expires September 30, 2008. The allocation for this project will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 operating budget.

CONTRACT TERM/COST

The services sought include a 13-month software customization, prototyping, and demonstration period, inclusive of end-user and technical support training. At the completion of the demonstration period, the Department will retain a perpetual license to the newly customized C2PC-PS application along with limited-term software maintenance and technical support, at no extra charge.

The proposed Agreement will expire concurrent with grant funding.

The maximum Contract cost is \$946,973.59.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROCEEDING ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS

WFI has secured an exclusive arrangement with the C2PC licensor and sole-proprietor, NGMS, to provide technical oversight of the highly specialized customization services to the C2PC source code. Both WFI and NGMS assert that they do not train, certify, license or otherwise endorse any third party to provide such technical oversight or customization services to the proprietary C2PC source code.

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will engage in sole source negotiations with the vendor in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by the Board. The Department's contacts for the requested Board action are Peter Zavala, Grant Manager, at (323) 526-5112, or Marcelle Murr, Grant Analyst, at (323) 526-5212.

Sincerely,



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