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October 16, 2007

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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A BACK-UP E-9-1-1 PHONE SWITCH FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT 9-1-1 SYSTEM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the Consolidated Fire Protection District's (District's) request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of a back-up Nortel Meridian E-9-1-1 phone switch for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) at a cost of $303,376. The purchase request exceeds the $250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

2. Find that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3).

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purchase of the back-up Nortel Meridian E-9-1-1 phone switch will provide rapid, full functionality and redundancy of the E-9-1-1 phone lines and call processing at the PSAP for the District. Full functionality includes Automatic Number Indicator (ANI), Automatic Location Indicator (ALI), latitude and longitude information for wireless phone calls, and utilization of the ring-down phone lines. The back-up switch will replace our outdated back-up switch and ensure we have E-9-1-1 phone functionality in the event of a catastrophic failure of our main E-9-1-1 switch.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal #2 for Workforce Excellence by enhancing the quality and productivity of the Department's emergency services.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of the back-up Nortel Meridian E-9-1-1 phone switch is not to exceed $303,376. Sufficient appropriation is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget to fund the purchase. There is no impact on net County cost.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby the District must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of $250,000 or greater prior to submitting requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

The purchase will utilize the State 9-1-1 Office Master Contract MP 54159 for the acquisition of the system. The State solicits the vendor bids and allows agencies to purchase under existing contract, eliminating the development of individual Request for Proposals. AT&T is the vendor of choice as they have provided maintenance on our existing E-9-1-1 infrastructure and installed our primary E-9-1-1 phone switch.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the recommended actions will ensure there is an efficient and expeditious response to the 9-1-1 calls in the event of a failure of the primary E-9-1-1 phone switch.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The purchase is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3) because there is no possibility that this action will have a significant impact on the environment.

## CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
   Executive Office
   1320 North Eastern Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90063

2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
   Materials Management Division
   5801 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 100
   Commerce, California 90040
   Attention: James Ealey, Chief, Materials Management Division

3. Internal Services Department
   Purchasing Division
   1100 N. Eastern Ave., Room 102
   Los Angeles, California 90063
   Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

For P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Executive Office
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department