County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

August 5, 2008

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

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY THEFT APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Execute the Certification of Assurance of Compliance (Attachment I) authorizing the Los Angeles County Sheriff to accept a High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution Program (HTTAPP) grant award in the amount of $1,752,894, with a required match of $438,224, for a total program cost of $2,191,118.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, on behalf of the Southern California High Tech Task Force (SCHTTF), to accept a HTTAPP grant award from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, in the amount of $1,752,894.

2. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as project director of the program, to sign and execute said grant award, and to perform all further tasks necessary for completion of the project, including execution of amendments, modifications, extensions, contracts, and other award documents.

3. Instruct the Chair of the Board to provide a wet signature on the Certification of Assurance of Compliance Form.

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On May 1, 2008, OES notified the five California High Tech Task Force agencies (Los Angeles, Napa, Sacramento, Santa Clara, and San Diego Counties) of their grant fund allocations. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) was allocated funding in the amount of $1,752,894, with a required match of $438,224, for a total program cost of $2,191,118. This program is a Statewide effort to address the growing rate of high technology crime that is either undetected, unenforced, or unreported to law enforcement.

For the past ten years, OES has awarded a HTTAPP grant to Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties, which make up the SCHTTF. The Department was selected by OES to be the lead agency for receipt of grant funds under this program. Currently 12 law enforcement agencies are participants of the SCHTTF. There are three sheriff's departments, six police departments, two district attorney's offices, and one federal agency. These agencies collaborate efforts to investigate, apprehend, and prosecute perpetrators of high technology crimes. There is also a local steering committee comprised of members from high technology private industries, law enforcement, and academia.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigations' 2005 Computer Crime Survey, high technology crimes in the United States cost businesses $67 billion each year.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal 1, Service Excellence, and Goal 5, Children and Families' Well-being, by providing committed employees to support the SCHTTF to reduce the number of high tech crimes and improve the quality of life for citizens in Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This continuing grant award is for the 12 month period, commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009. The grant award includes salary funding of $651,083 to the Department and $209,772 to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (LADA), for administration, investigation operations and prosecution for the Task Force. A 25 percent in-kind match of $438,224 is required to receive grant funding.

Funding for this program has been included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Board letter was forwarded to the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and the Alternate Public Defender's Office for review and no impact statements were received from those departments.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the LADA and approved as to form by County Counsel.

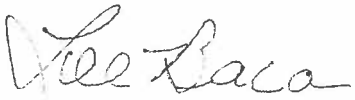
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The workload for the County's justice departments, including the District Attorney, Public Defender, and the Alternate Public Defender, may increase as suspects are investigated and subsequently charged with their crimes. However, the benefit to public safety of the County far outweighs the additional impact to the County Justice departments.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please instruct the Executive Office to return two (2) copies of the adopted board letter and two (2) signed Certifications of Assurance of Compliance to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

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ATTACHMENT #1

Print Form

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, LEROY D. BACA hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

PROJECT TITLE: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH TECH TASK FORCE

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – (Recipient Handbook Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: DARRELL BOLIN

Title: LIEUTENANT

Address: 4700 RAMONA BLVD., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754-2169

Phone: (323) 526-5671

Email: DBBOLIN@LASD.ORG

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)*

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – *(Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)*

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.)* requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEAQ requirements.

IV. Lobbying – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2154)*

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – *(Recipient Handbook Section 2155)*

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. *Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board*

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: Lee Baca

Authorized Official's Name: LEROY D. BACA

Authorized Official's Title: SHERIFF, LOS COUNTY

Date Executed: 6-2-08

Federal Employer ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: MONTEREY PARK / LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED BY: *(not applicable to State agencies)*

- City/County Financial Officer or
- City/County Manager or
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Name: YVONNE B. BURKE

Title: CHAIR OF THE BOARD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By: G Gross
GARY GROSS
Principal Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding $100,000

Department: Sheriff's Department

Grant Project Title and Description:

Southern California High Tech Task Force (SCHTTF)
The SCHTTF will provide the highest quality of law enforcement investigative and support services in the high technology criminal field. The SCHTTF supports local law enforcement agencies with training, equipment, and expertise in the investigation and prosecution of high tech crimes.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)	HT 08 09 0190	Earmarked – Application due June 2, 2008

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $1,752,894 **County Match:** $438,224
Grant Period: 12-Months **Begin Date:** July 1, 2008 **End Date:** June 30, 2009
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: **Full Time:** 7 **Part Time:** 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No __

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes X No __

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes __ No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes __ No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes __ No X

(Describe)_____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No __

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: No impact. This is the ninth year for the program.

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature Lee Baca **Date** 01/24/08