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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:

AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO EMERGENCY POWER GENERATORS COSTING IN EXCESS OF $250,000 EACH (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

In order to ensure the availability of emergency power sources for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Pitchess Detention Center North Facility (PDC North), it is necessary to purchase two back-up diesel generators.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the County purchasing agent to proceed with solicitation and purchase of two Genset 60 Hz 1250 Kw diesel generators with an estimated total cost of $1.2 million.

PURPOSE JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department's Facilities Services Bureau is responsible for maintaining emergency power generators at the various Department facilities throughout the County. The existing generators at PDC North have exceeded their expected service life and are in constant need of repair. Moreover, the existing emergency generators cannot adequately handle the load for emergency power to keep the facility functional should a major power outage or natural disaster occur. The custody facility's inmate population would have to be relocated to various custody facilities if power were not readily available for an extended period of time.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Purchasing the generators supports the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. The Department will be able to realize this by achieving Goal 1, Service Excellence. The purchase of the generators will provide emergency power to maintain uninterrupted service for the custody facility and will reduce downtime for repairs and maintenance.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost of the two Genset diesel generators is $1.2 million, which will be funded through the Department's Inmate Welfare Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County's purchasing agent as Board approval is required for fixed asset items in excess of $250,000. The purchase will be required through, and accomplished by, the purchasing agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures established by the Internal Services Department. A Request for Proposal will be published pending Board approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will ensure the availability of emergency power for the PDC North. The proposed generators are designed to handle the power load in the event of a power outage or natural disaster.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the Board adopted letter. The Department's contact for the requested Board action is Dean Stroud, Director, Facilities Services Bureau, at (626) 300-3028.

Sincerely,

Lee Baca

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