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June 29, 2010

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

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSOLE SWITCH INTERFACE SYSTEM FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

CIO RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE (X) APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION ( ) DISAPPROVE ( )

SUBJECT

Request Board approval for the purchase of a Console Switch Interface (CSI) radio system by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the Department's request and authorize the purchasing agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of a CSI system. It is anticipated that the CSI system, and all of its required communications equipment, totals approximately $4 million. This purchase request exceeds the $250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board, and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department is planning the purchase of a CSI system to replace its existing system purchased in the mid 1980's. This system is a critical component to the Department's

voice communication system, which connects the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch system with the voice radio system and the dispatchers at the Department's Communications Center. The existing system is based on proprietary technologies implemented by a vendor that is no longer in business. Programmers to support this system are no longer available. It is the Department's intention to purchase this system via a joint requisition with the Los Angeles County's (County) Fire Department who were approved by your Board to purchase their system on October 20, 2009. The systems, once implemented, will allow each of the Departments to provide backup dispatch capabilities to one another.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The purchase of this system supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, by increasing the interoperability and disaster recovery of emergency communications systems within the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost for the CSI system is $4 million. Funding for this purchase will come from the Designation for Interoperability and Countywide Communications fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This purchase is under the statutory authority of the purchasing agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by, the purchasing agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the County's Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The purchase of this CSI system will allow the Department to continue to provide reliable emergency voice communication to responding field operation units.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted letter to the Department's Technical Services Division.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

Reviewed by:

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