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OCTOBER 4, 2007 MINUTES

The thirty-fourth meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority was held October 4, 2007 at the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Center, Leroy D. Baca Media Center, 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Los Angeles, CA 90032.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leroy Baca called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum of the Authority:

Leroy D. Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff
William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, County of Los Angeles
Dr. Steven N. Garcia, Finance and Administration, CSULA
Karen L. Sisson, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles

APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2007 MINUTES

On motion of Director Fujioka, seconded by Director Sisson and unanimously carried, the July 12, 2007 minutes were approved as written.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was none.

INTRODUCTON OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair Baca introduced new Director Karen L. Sisson, newly appointed Chief Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles.

APPROVAL CONTRACT WITH CONTROL AIR SYSTEMS FOR MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING MECHANICAL SYSTEM

Jack Schweizer, Building Manager, reported that the mechanical air conditioning system and laboratory ventilation systems installed within the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center, are extremely complex. Because of this complexity a maintenance and repair services contract for the first two years of equipment service is strongly recommended. Such a program will allow the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Facilities Services Bureau staff an opportunity to learn system operation and observe maintenance procedures first hand. Mr. Schweizer noted that the State Fire Marshal conducted a thorough system inspection and all valves passed all administered performance tests.

The installer is the warranty provider and will maintain the system, thus eliminating problems when determining what piece of equipment is on warranty. It is recommended that the warranty remain in place for two years with Control Air Systems, not to exceed \$50,000 for emergency or unscheduled repair services during the term.

Additionally, six-months prior to the end of the first two-year contract, the Facility Coordinator will evaluate the performance of Control Air Conditioning Service Corporation and the capability of Sheriff's Department personnel to maintain the equipment. At that time, an action item will be brought before the Authority with a recommendation to extend the contract for another year, terminate the contract and maintain the equipment utilizing Sheriff's Department personnel, or publish a Request for Proposals soliciting public bids for future maintenance.

Following discussion, on motion of Director Fujioka, seconded by Director Sisson and unanimously carried, the contract with Control Air Systems for maintenance of building system for two years was approved, not to exceed \$50,000.

APPROVAL OF NAMING ROOMS IN RECOGNITION OF PAST AND PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

Patrick Mallon reported on five (5) conference rooms within the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center Laboratory Facility that are recommended to be named in honor of the following past and present Directors:

- Dr. Steven Garcia Vice President, Finance and Administration, Cal State University Los Angeles (Room 219B);
- David E. Janssen, former Chief Administrative Officer, County of Los Angeles (Room 223);
- William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer (Room 225);
- William J. Bratton, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (Room 227); and
- Bernard Parks, former Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (Room 231).

Chair Baca noted the importance to begin the unification process for the Regional Crime Laboratory Facility as an environment where both agencies can learn from one another and yet maintain their respective organizational culture.

Chair Baca reported that without David Janssen's and William T Fujioka's assistance this project could not have been realized.

Following discussion, on motion of Chair Baca, seconded by Director Sisson and unanimously carried, the designating of the above-mentioned rooms in recognition of Past and Present Directors was approved.

AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW FILMING OF A "REALITY" TELEVISION SHOW

Earl M. Shields, Captain, L.A. County Sherriff's Department, reported that the Sheriff's Department has been in negotiations with Scott Sternberg Productions, Inc. (Producer), to permit filming of a "reality" television/cable series featuring work performed by the Sheriff's Department in the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Crime Center (Center), in the areas of the Center under the sole and exclusive control of the Sheriff's Department.

The Producer will require limited access to the common areas of the Center for purposes of transporting equipment in and out of the building. The Producer and the Sheriff's Department will work with facility personnel to ensure that any disruption of regular operations is minimized and laboratory functions are not impacted. Additionally, the agreement with the County of Los Angeles will require the Producer to comply with all instructions given by Sheriff's Department personnel, and will require that the place and time of all filming be under the sole discretion of the Sheriff's Department.

Further, the agreement with the County of Los Angeles will also require the Producer to maintain general liability and omissions insurance of at least \$2 million per occurrence, and \$5 million in the aggregate. The Producer will indemnify the Joint Powers Authority for any claims related to filming.

Chair Baca advised that the Sheriff's Department's "Reality" show for the Training Academy has been a very positive experience and he has received constructive feedback from law enforcement colleagues.

Scott Sternberg, Scott Sternberg Productions, Inc., reported that the men and women of the Sheriff's Department became their family and assisted with the implementation of the "Reality" show for the Sherriff's Department Training Academy Project. The Fox Reality and My Network TV have also generated positive feedback on the program. Mr. Sternberg emphasized that the show is live and unscripted, and a renewal of that show and a possibility of doing a "Reality Show" featuring the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Crime Lab is an exciting prospect.

Mr. Sternberg advised that once the "Reality Show" is approved a network partner will be chosen to promote the show and replicate the success of the Training Academy Project.

Director Fujioka made a motion to approve, with some reluctance, because of the vast difference between a Training Academy and a Crime Lab. He requested that Mr. Sternberg address the issue of safeguarding intellectual property and confidentiality when submitting their request to the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Baca requested that Mr. Sternberg meet with the respective Crime Lab agencies, including the Operational Committee, and the Facility Coordinating Committee, to ensure that everyone is involved in the process. Dr. Steven Garcia agreed to contact CSULA Counsel to include them in this process.

Following discussion, on motion of Director Fujioka, seconded by Director Sisson and unanimously carried, the Authority authorized the Sheriff's Department to permit filming of a television "reality" show by Scott Sternberg Productions, Inc., exclusively in areas of the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Crime Center controlled by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

STAFF REPORTS

Budget & Potential Change Orders:

Paul Davidson, Project Director, expressed his satisfaction in working on the Regional Crime Laboratory Facility project.

Mr. Davidson presented a detailed report on the expenditures and cost-savings that were accrued for the Regional Crime Laboratory Facility project.

A Project Control and Funding Agreement exists to acquire funds from the escrow Authority's account. This item will be placed on the California State Board of Public Works agenda for their authorization to obtain funds from this account.

Chair Baca reported that the State has been a great collaborator on this project. He also highly commended Paul Davidson for his tireless work and leadership provided as Project Director. In addition, he noted that the Crime Lab will serve as an educational institution to the Forensic Science profession, will advance crime solving techniques, and serve as a model and standard for Forensic Science worldwide.

CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Patrick Mallon, Project Coordinator, advised that Sheriff Tom Sawyer, the Governor's Public Safety Liaison, has expressed an interest in having Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger tour the Crime Lab. Sheriff Sawyer was informed that following November 1, 2007 the building would be fully functional and a tour would then be possible. Mr. Mallon will coordinate this tour with Dr. Garcia and the respective agencies.

Mr. Mallon reported that he will be working with County Counsel, the University and the City on the sub-lease agreements. When the leases were executed with the Office of Emergency Services, they required the Joint Powers Authority to provide insurance coverage as required by the State.

Further, Mr. Mallon advised that on the issue of Contingency Plans, upon receipt of funds the Authority can take action to complete proposed Facility projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.