COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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February 14, 2006

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:

ACCEPT STATE FUNDS TO UPGRADE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT 9-1-1 SYSTEM (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

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

1. Accept a $217,000 upgrade to the District's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) from the State 9-1-1 Program (Attachment I).

2. Instruct the Purchasing Agent to issue a no-charge purchase order to SBC Telephone Company for tracking of equipment only.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The State 9-1-1 Program allocates funds for changes and improvement to PSAPs. The State has allocated $217,000 to the District to upgrade the 9-1-1 Automatic Call Distribution (ACD) System to the current hardware and software supplied by Meridian Symposium and Succession. This will replace the current system provided by Meridian MAX which has passed end-of-life and is no longer supported by the manufacturer.

Acceptance of the upgrade will provide a current and manufacturer supported hardware and software product critical for the District's 9-1-1 ACD System.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal Number 2 for Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the recommended action will accept $217,000 in upgrades from the State of California for the 9-1-1 PSAP system. The District will procure the system upgrade and the State will pay the vendor directly.

There is no net County cost impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The administration of funding for equipment and services related to the answering of 9-1-1 calls is based upon laws passed by the California State legislature. Most of the pertinent code sections relating to the reimbursement of 9-1-1 equipment and services is in the California Revenue and Taxation Code sections 41135 through 41138.

The laws indicate that the State 9-1-1 Program, as managed by the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Office (State 9-1-1 Office) shall reimburse agencies for equipment and services necessary for answering 9-1-1 calls. Section 41138 also provides authority to local agencies to obtain equipment from any vendor as long as the costs do not exceed those approved by the State 9-1-1 Office.

The goal of the State 9-1-1 Office is to provide sufficient funding to each PSAP to successfully manage their local operations in compliance with all 9-1-1 standards.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The State 9-1-1 Office completed the contracting process associated with the acquisition of this system. The State solicits the vendor bids and allows each agency to select a vendor of choice. The Purchasing Agent will be required to issue a zero dollar purchase order to SBC. The selected vendor will bill the State 9-1-1 Office directly.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the recommended action will facilitate more efficient and expeditious responses to the 9-1-1 calls received by the District.

CONCLUSION

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department

State of California **California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Office**

COMMITMENT TO FUND 9-1-1 EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

TD-288 (Rev. 06/02)

Public Agency:	**LA County Fire**	**Contractor Name:**	**SBC**
Address:	1320 North Eastern Avenue	Mailing Address:	2655 E. Avenue Q
City, State, Zip:	Los Angeles, CA 90063-3294	City, State, Zip	Palmdale, CA 93550
PSAP Manager:	Jerry Vanden Berg	Representative:	Stephen Fryer
E-mail Address:	jvandenb@lacofd.org	E-Mail Address:	stephen.fryer@sbc.com
Phone Number:	323-881-6105	Phone Number:	661-267-7506
Fax Number:	323881-6191	Fax Number:	661-269-1397

Type of Funding Request:

( ) Telephone System
( ) 7-Digit Phone Lines
( ) ALI Retrieval Circuit
(X) E9-1-1 System
( ) 9-1-1 Education
( ) Training
( ) E9-1-1 Phone Lines
( ) Alternate Answer
( ) County Coordinator Expense
Other:

Description of Equipment and Services to be funded: *SBC to upgrade Meridian 1 PBX with Symposium per terms and conditions of DGS-0026*

Purchase/Service Information: Contractor must provide (below or on attachment): Equipment or service description, quantity, part number, unit cost, installation cost, monthly cost, tax and total cost.

Description	Quantity	Service/ Eqmt. ID#	Unit Cost	Installation	Monthly Cost	Total Recurring Cost	Total Non-Recurring Cost
Nortel Upgrade to						-	-
Symposium	1		93,861.28	5,120.43		-	98,981.71
Maintenance 48 months	48				2,459.21	118,042.08	-
						-	-
							-
						-	-
						-	-
						-	-
						-	-
math correction for maintenance	1					0.12	-
					Subtotal	118,042.20	98,981.71
					Tax and Surcharge		
					Total		217,023.91

State 9-1-1 Program Office Use Only

Amount of State 9-1-1 Program Funds committed: $217,023.91 **Fiscal Year:** 2005/2006

All invoices shall refer to tracking number: **6928** **Account Name:** 19 LA CO FD EQ PB

The State's monetary obligation under this agreement in subsequent fiscal years is subject to and contingent upon availability of funds. The Commitment to Fund does not constitute a binding purchase order agreement. If applicable, a purchase order must be provided to the contractor by the ordering agency.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY	Telephone Number	APPROVED BY	Date
DAVID F. SANCHEZ	916-657-9177	JOAN DeCRESCENZO	8-1-05