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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

April 10, 2007

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

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT TO PURCHASE ONE FIXED ASSET ITEM IN EXCESS OF $250,000 (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the County's purchasing agent to proceed with solicitation and purchase of one fixed asset item (Turbomeca Arriel 1D1 turbine engine) in excess of $250,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) operates a fleet of 12 Eurocopter helicopters in support of its law enforcement mission. As part of the normal maintenance routine for these helicopters, the turbine engines that power them must be overhauled when they accumulate a specified number of flight hours. An engine overhaul requires approximately three months to complete. During this time, the helicopter sits idle and decreases the Department's level of air support to field deputies and citizens of Los Angeles County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Purchasing the turbine engine supports the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. The Department will be able to realize the achievement of Goal 1, Service Excellence, and Goal 2, Workforce Excellence. Purchasing the engine will increase the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the Department.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The funding for this purchase will come from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. The cost of the engine is $640,355.

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 agents.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County purchasing agent. 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The purchase of a spare turbine engine will assist the Department in maintaining its current level of air support.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter to the Sheriff's Department. The Department's contact for the requested Board action is Pamela Gardner, Operations Assistant III, Office of Homeland Security, at (323) 526-5918.

Sincerely,

Lee Baca

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