



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

County of Los Angeles  
Sheriff's Department Headquarters  
4700 Ramona Boulevard  
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



December 18, 2007

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

Dear Supervisors:

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL TACTICAL  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SERVICES  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff to execute the Professional Services Agreement with the City of Los Angeles (the City), for the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System (LARTCS) services to address the public safety communication needs of the City and Los Angeles County (County), with the Agreement sum of \$6,860,000, of which \$ 4,860,000 will be reimbursed from the City, effective from the date the Agreement is signed by both parties.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to sign, execute other applicable documents, and approve extensions of this Professional Services Agreement, if it is in the best interest of the County.
3. Approve the Request for Appropriation Adjustment in the operating budget of the Sheriff's Department (Department) in the amount of \$500,000 for Service and Supplies and \$200, 000 for Fixed Assets to facilitate the procurement of communication equipment and consulting services in 2007-2008.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to establish an Agreement with the City to allow both the City and the County to maximize their resources in the coordination,

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development, and implementation of the LARTCS concept to fully achieve radio interoperability via a radio communications system permitting instant voice communications between public safety agencies on different frequency bands. The Agreement will also enable the Department to make the best use of a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to help pay for necessary communications equipment and a consultant to validate the technology of the sharing of radio channels and to design and engineer the system specifications.

The approval of the recommended appropriation adjustment will move necessary funding to the Department for timely procurement of voice communication equipment for the three pilot sites and the hiring of the consultant for the above services in the current fiscal year.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The services provided under this Agreement support the County's Strategic Plan Goals, Goal 3: Organizational Effectiveness, specifically, the Agreement will enable the public safety agencies of both the City and the County to effectively communicate during a multi-agency response, especially in the event of a homeland security or emergency response incident. Goal 8, Public Safety, Strategy 1: Implementation of region-wide public safety radio interoperability system.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

In September 2004, your Board approved \$40 million in funding for the LARTCS project. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) COPS program has also awarded grants to the City for the Interoperable Communications Technology Program (ICPT), to address the public communication needs of the City.

The total Agreement sum is \$6,860,000 with \$3,156,050 for equipment to build out three pilot sites, \$3,698,000 for the infrastructure and the consultant, and \$5,950 for travel and other costs. Of the total Agreement sum, \$4,860,000 will be reimbursed from Federal grants from the City, which are expected to expire on February 29, 2008.

An appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$700,000 is required in FY 2007-08 to purchase mobile gateway equipment, radios, other Public Safety communications equipment, and professional consulting services in design and project management. The balance of the \$6,160,000 will be sought through the 2008-09 budget submission process.

Arrangements have been made to have the COPS grant extended to February 28, 2009, and formal approval of such extension from the awarding agency is forthcoming. It is recommended that the Sheriff be authorized to extend the Agreement on behalf of the County. The remaining \$2 million will come from the County from the \$40 million already approved for LARTCS.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The current communications situation in Southern California precludes public safety agencies from communicating with one another via their existing radio systems. In Los Angeles County alone, there are 52 local law enforcement agencies and 35 local fire departments. In addition, the public health department, numerous Federal fire and law enforcement agencies, State fire and law enforcement agencies, the California National Guard, Coast Guard, and other branches of the United States Military may be involved as first responders during incidents of natural or man-made disasters. These agencies have communications systems across different portions of the frequency spectrum. With few exceptions, agencies on different brand systems and different spectrum cannot communicate. This condition is compounded when surrounding counties are considered as part of interoperability requirements and solutions.

The LARTCS is an integral part of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS), which is tasked with providing a modern, integrated wireless voice and data communications system that will support more than 34,000 first responders and local mission-critical personnel within the region. A LARTCS committee was formed with representatives from fire, police, health, state, and Federal agencies to address this issue, while sharing available resources, equipment, spectrum, and minimizing costs. The communication equipment procured under this COPS grant will help the build out of three pilot sites for the radio interoperable system under LARTCS, which will support LA-RICS by enabling the voice communication between the LA-RICS platform users and surrounding counties, State or Federal public safety agencies with different frequency bands.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this proposed Agreement as to form.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

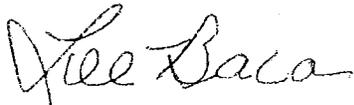
There will be no negative impact on current Department operations and services. This proposed Agreement will help provide for complete interoperability throughout Los Angeles County and the Southern California region; encompassing major portions of the five surrounding counties.

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**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by your Board, please return an adopted copy of this action to the Sheriff's Department, Contracts Unit, for further processing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy D. Baca".

LEROY D. BACA  
SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S NO. 770

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF

Dec. 04 2007

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

-- 4 VOTES --

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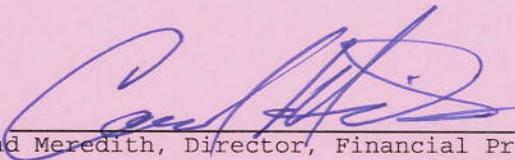
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FEDERAL - OTHER \$700,000  
INCREASE REVENUE

USES

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SERVICES & SUPPLIES  
INCREASE APPROPRIATION \$500,000  
  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - GEN SUPPORT  
A01-SH-6030-15681-15687  
FIXED ASSETS  
INCREASE APPROPRIATION \$200,000

JUSTIFICATION: Appropriation adjustment to provide funding to the Sheriff's Department for the development and implementation of the LARTCS Project. Funds will be utilized to purchase a voice communications equipment to allow regional interoperability and to pay for consultant services. Costs will be offset by COPS grant thru the City of Los Angeles.

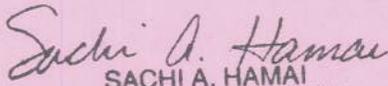
  
Conrad Meredith, Director, Financial Programs Bureau

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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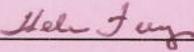
  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR --

ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

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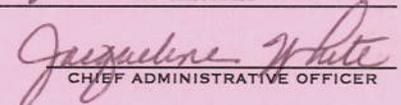
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APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓

AS REVISED

December 5 2007

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK