COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Chief Probation Officer

October 7, 2008

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:

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES TO PROVIDE AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING VIA GLOBAL POSITIONING SATELLITE (GPS) SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (3 VOTES, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

SUBJECT

This contract is to provide an electronic monitoring program via global positioning systems for juvenile and adult probationers. The contract will be for a one (1) year term with four (4) successive one (1) year renewal options by mutual agreement fully financed by net County cost.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached contract with Sentinel Offender Services to provide an Electronic Monitoring Via Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Services Program for the Probation Department on an "as needed" basis at an estimated annual amount not to exceed $100,000 for a one (1) year period, effective November 1, 2008 or upon approval by your board, whichever is later. Funding for this contract will be included in the FY 2008-2009 Final Adopted Budget upon your Board's approval.

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute contract amendments to extend the contract term for up to four (4) additional 12-month periods upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute amendments to this contract for any decrease or increase not to exceed 10% of the per unit cost and/or 180 days to the period of performance pursuant to the terms contained therein, upon approval as to form by County Counsel. The Chief Probation Officer will notify the Chief Executive Office in writing within 10 business days after execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of a contract (Attachment I) with Sentinel Offender Services to provide an Electronic Monitoring via Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Services Program for the County of Los Angeles Probation Department.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department intends to utilize electronic monitoring via GPS technology per guidelines established by the Chief Probation Officer to supplement and enhance the supervision and monitoring of sex offenders and others to more effectively enforce court ordered conditions of probation, increase the accountability of adult and juvenile offenders placed on community supervision and provide greater public protection. GPS participants may include low to high-risk offenders referred to the program by Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs). The goal of these activities is to provide the highest level of service to the justice community while providing community protection.

The Probation Department will provide oversight of the contractor and will ensure accountability for the services provided. Approval of this contract will enable the Probation Department to monitor any person convicted of any felony violation of any applicable registered sex offense described in Penal Code section 290, as required under Senate Bill 588 (The sexual Predator Punishment and Control Act: Jessica's Law) as amended. GPS technology is a useful tool for monitoring sexual predators, other sex offenders, and other probationers (e.g. intensive supervision caseloads, domestic violence caseloads, etc.) as appropriate. The proposed contract will commence on November 1, 2008 or following approval by your Board, whichever is later.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County Strategic Plan, Organizational Goal #3: Organizational Effectiveness: Ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective, and goal-oriented. Specifically, this project will enhance the Department's ability to monitor and supervise probationers, thus increasing the organizational effectiveness of the Department.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for this contract totaling an estimated $100,000, is included in the Department's FY2008/09 Supplemental Budget.

The price per GPS unit will range from $3.89 to $9.60 and is dependent on the level of monitoring and number of probationers placed in the program.

The proposed contract includes provisions for non-appropriation of funds and budget reductions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Pursuant to the contract, Sentinel Offender Services will provide consultation, monitoring, equipment, installation and removal, support services and custom reports for the GPS monitoring of probationers when requested.

The contractor agrees to give first consideration to hire permanent County employees targeted for layoff, or qualified former County employees who are on a re-employment list after the effective date of this contract and during the life of the contract.

In accordance with the Chief Executive Office memorandum dated October 6, 1997, this contract contains County requirements regarding the hiring of participants of the GAIN/GROW program, contractor non-responsibility and debarment, and jury service. The proposed contractor has been instructed to register on WebVen.

In accordance with the Auditor-Controller memorandum dated March 2, 2000, this contract contains County requirements regarding contractor non-responsibility and debarment.

There is no departmental employee relations impact since this is not a Proposition A contract. The Department has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended contract.

Probation will not request the contractor to perform services that exceed the Board approved contract amount, scope of work, and/or contract term.

County Counsel has approved the contract as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

To solicit for these services, a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) was utilized and issued on November 30, 2007. Approximately forty-six (46) letters were sent to potential proposers inviting them to respond to this RFP. Advertisements were run in the Los Angeles Times, Compton Bulletin and Lynwood Journal.

Notice of the solicitation was also made available on the County Internal Services Department's Web Internet site and the Probation Department Internet site. As a result, thirteen (13) potential providers attended the mandatory proposers' conference on December 19, 2007 and eight (8) proposals were received by the due date.

All proposals were evaluated using an initial screening "pass/fail" process, which was consistent with the Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria set forth in the RFP. One proposal (Satellite Tracking of People, Inc.) did not pass the initial screening process and seven proposals (Sentinel Offender Services, G4 Securicor Justice Services, Inc., Behavioral Interventions, Sky Detective, Rocky Mountain Offender Management Services, Secure Alert Corporation, and iSECUREtrac) passed the initial screening process.

An Evaluation Committee made up of Los Angeles County Probation staff was formed to evaluate all seven proposals that passed the initial screening. The evaluation factors listed in the RFP included the proposer's qualifications such as background, experience, work history and references; plan for providing services; and quality control plan. The proposals were scored by the evaluation committee using a point system which rated the proposal against each of the evaluation criteria.

The proposal submitted by Sentinel Offender Services received the highest rating by the evaluation committee. Sentinel Offender Services' proposal demonstrated an excellent working knowledge of the County's expectations, and the structure of the organization clearly demonstrated the ability to perform the required tasks. Sentinel Offender Services has made a firm commitment to comply with all RFP requirements.

No protests were received as a result of the solicitation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will continue the County's efforts to ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective, and goal-oriented. Specifically, this project will enhance the Department's ability to monitor and supervise probationers, thus increasing the organizational effectiveness of the Department.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval and execution of this contract, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send a copy of the adopted Board Letter and contract to:

1. Probation Department
   Attention: Yolanda Young, Director
   Contracts and Grants Management Division
   9150 E. Imperial Hwy. Rm. A66
   Downey, CA 90242

2. Sentinel Offender Services
   Attention: Robert Contestabile, President
   220 Technology Dr. Ste. 200
   Irvine, CA 92618

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment
c: County Counsel