



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Authorization for the Purchase of Twenty one (21) New Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Computer Systems for Police Patrol Vehicles and Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirement.

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Consider authorizing the purchase of twenty one (21) New Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Computer Systems for police patrol vehicles by using pooled cash until RAN reimbursement funds are received.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion waiving competitive bid requirements as stated in Section 3.04.210 of the Merced Municipal Code, and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with LEHR Auto Electric to “piggyback” on an existing contract with the County of Sacramento for the purchase of the Panasonic Toughbook computer equipment at a cost not to exceed \$92,492.00 which includes sales tax.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Refer back to staff for reconsideration of specific items as requested by Council; or,
3. Take no action.

AUTHORITY

Article III of Title 3, Chapter 3.04, of Merced Municipal Code relating to purchases over twenty eight thousand dollars. Section 3.04.210 exemptions from competitive bidding.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2016-17 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The Police Department would like to replace the current in-car computer systems for our police patrol vehicles with more technologically advanced systems to allow for better functionality and interfacing with state and federal systems and databases. The Department is seeking to equip twenty-one (21) patrol vehicles with state of the art technology which will allow our officers to perform more of their duties in the field. The funding for this project will be provided on a reimbursement basis by the Merced County Remote Access Network (RAN) which is funded by a portion of state vehicle license fees. The City will received reimbursement from the RAN Board after the computers are purchased and proof of paid invoices for the same are received by the RAN Board. The RAN Board has authorized the City to receive \$100,000 in funds for this computer system upgrade. The authorization

to accept this RAN funding is sought in a separate City Council Agenda item.

Attached is an RFP from the County of Sacramento for the rugged notebook computer system that was tied to their recent purchase of in car video systems (Exhibit A). LEHR Auto Electric was awarded the contract from the County of Sacramento on August 4, 2014 (Exhibit B). LEHR Auto Electric has agreed to allow the City of Merced to “piggyback” off of the County of Sacramento contract to allow the City of Merced to take advantage of the same large quantity discounts that the County of Sacramento received.

The cost of the computer upgrade for twenty one (21) of our patrol cars will cost \$92,491.00. The remainder of the \$100,000 RAND funding will be used to upgrade all of the new computers with upgraded hard drives and additional RAM (Random Access Memory).

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Funding for the purchase of these computers will come from reimbursable funding through the Merced County RAN Board. It is requested that the purchase of the computers is made with pooled cash until RAN reimbursement funds are received.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Exhibit A - RFP from Sacramento County
2. Exhibit B - Award of RFP to LEHR Auto
3. Exhibit C - Extension of Sacramento Contract to August 7, 2017
4. Exhibit D - Quote from LEHR Auto