

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 15

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: April 5, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$67,000 IN TOUGHBOOK MOBILE COMPUTERS USING GRANT FUNDS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends approval of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$67,000 to Bizco Technologies for fourteen Panasonic Toughbook mobile computers, and authorization for the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase order. This purchase is funded by grants from the 2004 Office of Domestic Preparedness/Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the 2005 Bioterrorism Preparedness grant from San Diego County Emergency Medical Services.

BACKGROUND

The 2004 Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awarded \$345,583 to the Oceanside Fire Department. On June 1, 2005, Council adopted a budget resolution to accept these grant funds and approved \$148,107 in required matching City funds. The San Diego County Emergency Medical Services awarded \$18,500 to the Oceanside Fire Department. On April 5, 2006 Council has been asked to adopt a budget resolution to accept these grant funds which require no matching City funds.

The ODP/DHS grant funds three projects, one of which is an electronic patient-data system with eighteen mobile computers. To date we have purchased four of the mobile devices. Funding from this grant and the county grant will be used to pay for the remaining fourteen devices. These mobile computers will be used to input emergency patient data by Paramedics in the field. Data from these devices will be transmitted to printers for patient record delivery at the hospital and will be transmitted to a central City server for data management and patient billing functions.

ANALYSIS

Oceanside Fire Department solicited bids from three vendors for the Panasonic Toughbook mobile computers. Bizco Technologies was selected as the most competitive vendor from this process (Attachment 1). The Fire Department

recommends the purchase of the Panasonic Toughbook mobile computers from Bizco Technologies. With this purchase, we will be able to provide the mobile computer hardware for all front-line fire apparatus for our electronic patient-data system.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no new fiscal impact. The cost for fourteen Panasonic Toughbooks costs is \$67,000. Costs are covered by previously allocated funds to include the 2004 Office of Domestic Preparedness/Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, matching City Funds, and the San Diego County Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant. Funding for a mobile computer maintenance and replacement plan is included in the Fire Department budget.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

On April 20, 2006, the Police and Fire Commission will be provided a project update on the electronic patient record system to include current and proposed hardware acquisition.

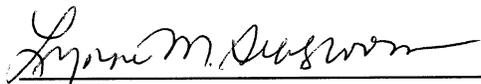
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

City Attorney analysis does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$67,000 to Bizco Technologies for fourteen Panasonic Toughbook mobile computers, and authorize for the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase order.

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