



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 8, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration Division, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Sole Source Purchase Order For Versaterm, Inc., Computer Aided Dispatch Paging Module Software

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid procedure as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070(k), and authorize the General Services Manager to issue a purchase order to Versaterm, Inc., for a Versadex CAD 7.3 Paging module in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

DISCUSSION:

On July 7, 2012, the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District (CSFPD) submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on behalf of CSFPD, the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department (SBFD) and the Montecito Fire Protection District (MFPD) for a grant under the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The requested funds would be used for the procurement of communications equipment. On April 6, 2013, the DHS awarded CSFPD a grant in the amount of \$592,303, which includes a 20% local match of \$118,461. The SBFD's share of this grant is \$431,467, which requires the SBFD to provide matching funds of \$86,293 (20%).

Through use of this federal grant, the SBFD has already obtained 98 personal-issue portable radios, vehicle chargers and speaker microphones at a cost of \$396,467. As such, \$35,000 of the total grant, including the matching portion, remains unspent.

The City is now ready to complete the final grant purchase with the acquisition of a Versadex Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) 7.3 Paging module. This paging module is an add-on software package to the existing Versadex CAD system currently in use (since 2007) by dispatchers in the 911 emergency call center. This paging module component increases the CAD system's overall functionality and effectiveness by immediately notifying emergency personnel about significant events in the City such as large-scale disasters or multi-engine company responses.

Due to its proprietary nature, configuration and interface with the existing CAD system, the Versadex CAD 7.3 Paging module is the best option available to meet our information and communication requirements, and Versaterm Inc. is the only supplier that can provide it. Consequently, staff recommends waving formal bid procedures and authorizing the General Services Manager to issue a purchase order to Versaterm Inc. for the Versadex CAD 7.3 Paging module in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The estimated total project cost for this paging module is \$35,000. Funds have been previously appropriated to the Fire Department's Operation Division for this expenditure.

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