



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** May 5, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chief's Staff, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Sole Source Vendor For Digital Storage Equipment

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process as authorized by Municipal Code 4.52.070 (L), and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Technology Express, in the amount of \$48,081 for the purchase of the Hewlett Packard (HP) digital storage equipment at the Police Department.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Police Department's central digital storage device that retains all of the public safety records data has aged beyond the industry standard five year life cycle for data storage equipment. Replacing this equipment will ensure that the public safety network is maintained properly to provide high availability to critical law enforcement systems. It will also reduce the cost of extending our maintenance contract for our current storage device which is approximately \$18,000 annually. The new purchase will include three years of annual maintenance through HP.

Technology Express is an authorized reseller of HP products and has worked with the City to register our hardware configurations through HP to receive the lowest possible pricing directly from HP who sets the pricing on a first come first serve basis. The quote provided by Technology Express is good for 90 days and is below the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) pricing which meets our competitive bid process. Additional vendors were provided an opportunity to bid on the equipment purchase, but there were no other resellers willing to provide any bids. We are recommending that council approve a sole source purchase through Technology Express to purchase a new central digital storage device for the public safety network located at the Police Department.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Funding for this equipment is incorporated in Police Department's Fiscal Year 2015 budget and there is no additional budget impact.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office