

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CEO/Office of Emergency Services G. HINSBRO BOARD AGENDA # *B-11

Urgent Routine AGENDA DATE July 11, 2006
CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO 4/5 Vote Required YES NO
(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:
Approval to Increase Funding for Purchase of an Emergency Notification and Alerting System

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
Authorize the expenditure of funds from the Fiscal Year 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Part II for the Emergency Notification and Alerting System.

FISCAL IMPACT:
The original budget allocation for the notification system was \$50,000 through the Fiscal Year 2004 Homeland Security Grant. On January 24, 2006, the Board approved an additional \$35,000 from existing funds currently budgeted in the Chief Executive Office Plant Acquisition budget to supplement the original funding for a total of \$85,000 for this project. After reviewing the responses to the Request for Proposals, it was determined additional funds are needed to purchase and install the system. The Fiscal Year 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Part II budget includes \$25,000 that may be allocated to this purchase.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS: No. 2006-545

On motion of Supervisor Mayfield, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Mayfield, Grover, DeMartini, and Chairman Simon
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None
1) X Approved as recommended
2) _____ Denied
3) _____ Approved as amended
4) _____ Other:
MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

On January 24, 2006 the Board authorized the Interim Purchasing Agent to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an emergency notification and alerting system and to enter an agreement with the company determined to be the best qualified as a result of the RFP process. The notification system is one that would be applicable countywide for messaging and alerting governmental officials and resources (city, county and districts, as well as key private partner agencies) of information related to actual or pending situations. The system would also be capable of making carefully controlled, wide area notification to the public for emergency related warning and directions.

Through the Fiscal Year 2004 Homeland Security Grant, \$50,000 was identified for this project and authorized by the Board on August 3, 2004. After further research, staff determined \$50,000 was not adequate to purchase a notification system that would meet county requirements. On January 24, 2006 the Board authorized an additional \$35,000 from the Plant Acquisition budget to supplement this project. Total funding for this project was \$85,000.

Vendor responses to the Request for Proposals were due on May 30, 2006. Staff from the Strategic Business Technology Department and the Office of Emergency Service (OES) reviewed the proposals on June 16, 2006 and determined the top two vendors that best meet the county requirements. The cost estimates provided with the proposals were in the \$97,000 and \$99,000 range for the purchase of the system. Taxes and shipping will increase the total cost by approximately 15%, leaving the funding for this project short by an estimated \$25,000.

The Board accepted the Fiscal Year 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Part II on December 9, 2003. After the purchase and completion of the original phases of the grant, there are additional funds remaining. OES is requesting Board approval to utilize up to \$25,000 of the funds to supplement the allocation for the emergency notification and alerting systems. The Anti-Terrorism Approval Body, known as the approval authority, consisting of the county public health officer, county fire chief or chief of fire authority, municipal fire chief, county sheriff and chief of police, has reviewed and approved this reallocation. State approval has also been requested.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this action would further the Board priorities of a safe community, and efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.