

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

DEPT: CEO-Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-2

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE February 3, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Sole Source Procurement of Interoperable Communication Equipment using Homeland Security Grant Funds

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the sole source procurement of communication equipment using Homeland Security Grant funds.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Tait Radio Communications in the amount of \$267,174.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the interoperable communication equipment from Tait Radio Communications is \$267,174. This funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2007 Homeland Security Grant. The Fiscal Year 2007 grant was accepted by the Board of Supervisors on October 23, 2007.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-96

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND PLACED ON NON-CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

This item is submitted to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the purchase of interoperable communication equipment. The funding for this equipment is through the Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) Homeland Security Grant.

On July 25, 2006, the Board of Supervisors accepted the presentation on the Regional Interoperable Communication project. The project was identified to upgrade and enhance public safety communications throughout Stanislaus County. Stanislaus Regional 911 acts as the central coordination point for this project on behalf of fire, law enforcement and EMS. The Regional Interoperable Communication Project identified several phases. By utilizing local and grant funding, the initial phases of the project have been completed including replacing existing equipment and antennas, upgrading communication sites, completing a countywide interoperable communications study and installation of a back-up radio site at Fowler Peak.

On October 23, 2007, the Board of Supervisors accepted the FY07 Homeland Security Grant. Within the FY07 grant, \$356,270 was allocated toward the Regional Interoperable Communication Project. The purchase of a VHF simulcast system will allow Stanislaus County to progress toward the buildout of a countywide 700/800 MHz interoperable radio system as identified in the communications study. Once this system is complete, the goal of stabilized day-to-day operability for the primary dispatch channels for the Sheriff and the fire service will be achieved.

In an effort to minimize costs for the communication system, the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract was used to select a vendor, Tait Radio Communications. WSCA was formed in October 1993 by the state purchasing directors from fifteen National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) western states. The primary purpose of creating WSCA was to establish the means by which participating states may join together in cooperative multi-State contracting. This approach helps states and local agencies to achieve cost-effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services. The total quote is for \$267,174. Board approval is required for purchases over \$100,000.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

Acceptance of this grant supports the Board's priorities of *A safe community* and *Effective partnerships* by enhancing the ability of local jurisdictions to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from threats and incidents of terrorism and biological events.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this grant.