

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

DEPT: CEO / Office of Emergency Services *G. Hunsaid*

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-2

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 3, 2012

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Award Contract to Tait Radio Communications for the Purchase of the Components of a P-25 Linear Simulcast Trunking Radio System to Improve Interoperable Communications for Stanislaus County First Responders

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Award a contract to Tait Radio Communications for the purchase of the components of a P-25 linear simulcast trunking radio system.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to negotiate, finalize and sign the Agreement with Tait Radio Communications and any subsequent amendments thereto on behalf of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The P-25 Linear Simulcast Trunking Radio System is part of a multi-phase Regional Interoperable Communication Project. On December 20, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal for this project. Funding available for the purchase of this system is \$1,887,270. Funding for this project has been identified in Homeland Security Grants and Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Program Funding awarded to Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, the Sheriff's Department and the Modesto Police Department. The Tait Radio Communications  
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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2012-134

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman O'Brien

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:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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**FISCAL IMPACT: (Continued)**

proposal totaling \$1,090,377.65 is within the budget allocated for this project. The remaining funding of \$792,892 will be used for future phases of the regional interoperable communication project. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

On December 20, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for components of a P-25 linear simulcast trunking radio system to improve interoperable communications for Stanislaus County first responders. Project 25 (P-25) is a suite of standards for digital radio communications for use by federal, state/province and local public safety agencies in North America to enable them to communicate with other agencies and mutual aid response teams in emergencies.

The RFP was issued by Stanislaus County's General Services Agency on January 26, 2012. On February 9, a mandatory pre-conference was held and eight vendors were in attendance. The RFP closed on February 23, 2012 and GSA received responses from three vendors: Tait Radio Communications, Motorola, and Harris Corporation.

Each of the three proposers met the minimum qualifications set forth in the RFP. The responses were evaluated by the Evaluation Committee of five, consisting of members from Modesto Regional Fire Authority, Stanislaus Regional 911, City of Ceres, City of Turlock and City of Modesto. Tait Radio Communication's proposal was determined to best meet the criteria set forth in the RFP and provides the best value to the County, with pricing and all other factors considered. On March 8, 2012, GSA sent written notice of intent to award to Tait Radio Communications and provided written notification to the other proposers. No letters of protest were received during the protest and appeal period of the RFP process.

The total cost of the proposal is \$1,090,377.65. Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto are leveraging multiple funding sources for this project. Stanislaus County is using Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Grants funding in the amount of \$603,252 identified for the interoperable communications equipment. The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department is contributing funding from two Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Program Funding from Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2010 totaling \$650,738 to support this project. The Modesto Police Department identified funding from the COPS Technology Program Funding from Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 totaling \$633,280 and is partnering with Stanislaus County to purchase this system. The \$1,090,377.65 proposal from Tait Radio Communications is within the identified budget. The remaining funding of \$792,892 will be used for future phases of the regional interoperable communication project and will be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

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**POLICY ISSUES:**

This grant supports the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community and Effective Partnerships by increasing the communication capabilities among first responders within Stanislaus County.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Existing staff from the City of Modesto and the County of Stanislaus will assist in the implementation and management of the agreement. There is no additional staffing impact associated with this item.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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