

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

DEPT: CEO/Office of Emergency Services *G. H. K. S. J. W.*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-9

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE December 22, 2009

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Issue an Invitation to Bid for an Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Robot to support the Sheriff's Department Bomb Team, Funded through Homeland Security Grant Funds

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the General Services Agency to issue an Invitation to Bid for the purchase of an Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Robot for the Sheriff's Department bomb team.

FISCAL IMPACT:

On November 25, 2008 the Board of Supervisors accepted the Fiscal Year 2008 State Homeland Security Grant to enhance local Homeland Security efforts, which listed an EOD Robot as one of the equipment items to be purchased. The grant included funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the EOD Robot. The EOD Robot will be purchased for Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department bomb team. There is no impact to the General Fund associated with this purchase.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-867

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

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) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

On November 25, 2008, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) State Homeland Security Grant. Local jurisdictions were required to ensure that at least 25% of the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds were dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention. The federal grant guidance also required an additional 25% of funding be identified to strengthen improvised explosive device (IED) attack deterrence, prevention, detection and protection capabilities and/or to strengthen preparedness planning.

The FY08 Homeland Security Grant included \$100,000 for an EOD Robot for the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department bomb team.

The Sheriff's Department currently has one EOD Robot for use by the bomb team. The purchase on an additional EOD Robot will enable the Sheriff's bomb team to field two fully functional teams if needed. In addition, this robot will be built on a smaller frame than the current robot, allowing it to be used in situations for which the current robot is not suitable. For example, this new robot would be able to travel down the aisle of an airplane or bus and it will be lightweight enough to be lifted into a vehicle or structure without stairs.

Once issued, the Invitation to Bid will remain open for fourteen days. Staff anticipates returning to the Board for award of the bid in March 2010.

POLICY ISSUES:

Authorizing General Services Agency to issue an Invitation to Bid for the purchase of an EOC Robot supports the Board priorities of *A safe community* by enhancing the response and mitigation capabilities of the bomb team.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Services, Sheriff's Department and the General Services Agency will prepare and issue the Invitation to Bid.