

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

DEPT: CEO/Office of Emergency Services G. HINSAW BOARD AGENDA # \*B-13

Urgent  Routine  AGENDA DATE December 20, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO  4/5 Vote Required YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Issue 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

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve to issue 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.
2. Authorize the General Services Agency to issue a notice inviting proposals on January 12, 2012 for the components of a P-25 linear simulcast trunking radio system.
3. Authorize to accept and open proposals on February 9, 2012, immediately after 2:30 p.m. and return to the Board to recommend an award.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The P-25 Linear Simulcast Trunking Radio System is part of a multi-phase Regional Interoperable Communication 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. There is no impact to the general fund associated with this purchase as all funding is through the federal grants.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-785

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

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

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 July 25, 2006, the Board of Supervisors accepted a presentation on the Regional Interoperable Communication Project. The Project identified the need to upgrade and enhance public safety communications. Interoperable regional communications between public safety agencies were inadequate. Stanislaus Regional 911 acts as the central coordination point for interoperable communications within Stanislaus County.

In 2008, Homeland Security funds were used to conduct a countywide radio communications study. Stanislaus County hired MACRO Corp. through an RFP process to perform the study. The study supported our self analysis that the radio communications within the county and its cities were inadequate and did not provide for efficient interoperable communications among agencies. MACRO Corp recommended a county wide, 14 site, 700-800MHz, Project 25, simulcast trunking system be installed to replace all existing communication systems in the county. Project 25 (P25) 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. This system would provide much needed interoperability between all agencies and will improve radio communications county-wide. The estimated cost ranged for a fully built out system was approximately \$78 million.

Since that time, Stanislaus County has been successful in identifying local funding and obtaining additional grants to begin the build out of the county-wide system. The funding identified in this request is to build a five site, (three in Modesto, one in Ceres and one in Turlock) four channel P-25 linear simulcast trunking radio system. This system will provide for direct interoperability between the cities and with the Sheriff's upgraded Dispatch channel, those units can be connected as needed with the agencies for interoperability.

Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto are leveraging multiple funding sources to implement this radio system. Within the Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Grants, there is \$603,252 identified for the interoperable communications equipment. The Sheriff's Department has received two Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Program Funding from 2008 and 2010 totaling \$650,738 to support this project.

The Modesto Police Department also requested funding from the COPS Technology Program Funding from 2008 and 2009 totaling \$633,280 and is partnering with Stanislaus County to purchase this system. Previously the City of Modesto had issued a sole source to Motorola for this project through sole source procurement. Although sole source requirements were met for the City of Modesto, the City later discovered that the sole source did not meet the requirements required by the federal government for use of federal grant funds. Therefore, on December 13, 2011, the City of Modesto rescinded resolution 2010-238 for the sole source procurement.

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The City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have agreed that General Services Agency, Purchasing will act as the lead agency issuing the Request for Proposal.

**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:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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