

Council Meeting
June 20, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Recommendation to authorize a Purchase Order be issued for the purchase of Mobile Data Computer (MDC) vehicle mounting hardware.

Expenditure: \$29,764.46 (including sales tax)

RECOMMENDATION

The Chief of Police and the Information Technology Director recommend that a Purchase Order be issued, in the amount of \$29,764.46, to Adamson Industries for the purchase of mounting hardware to install Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) in police vehicles.

Funding:

Funding is available in the Police Department's operational budget.

BACKGROUND

In November 2005, the City Council approved a contract with Spillman Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of a new Public Safety Information System for the Police and Fire Departments.

ANALYSIS

Replacement of the aging Kontron Mobil Data Computers (MDCs) in the Police Department's patrol and parking enforcement vehicles is necessary in order to implement the Spillman Technologies Computer Aided Dispatch system.

In preparation for the replacement, Staff conducted field testing of various systems and configurations. As a result of two months of testing and evaluation, the MDC manufactured by JLT Mobile Computers was selected as the replacement for the

Kontron MDC. Additionally, it was determined that the best configuration for placement in the vehicles was provided through mounting hardware manufactured by Havis-Shields Equipment Corporation. In order to install the new computers, it is necessary to purchase different mounting hardware.

Torrance Municipal Code 22.3.19 creates a purchasing exception for computer and networking hardware and software purchases. The municipal code states: "The provisions of this Article do not apply to contracts for the purchase of computer and networking hardware and software. The purchase of computer and networking hardware and software will be done pursuant to regulations and procedures established by the City Manager."

Staff obtained three (3) competitive quotes that meet the City's and JLT's specifications for installation of the computer equipment. The following quotes include sales tax. The following quotes include sales tax.

Vendor	Price (includes tax and delivery charges)
Adamson Industries	\$29,764.46
10-8 Retrofit	\$35,346.02
Espin Cop Shop	\$37,771.50

The quotation from Adamson Industries was selected as it is the lowest most responsible bidder.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. HERREN
Chief of Police

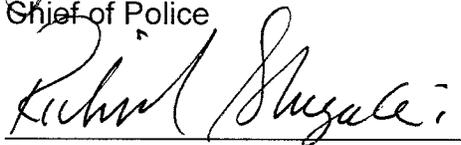


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CONCUR:



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