

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM  
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**ITEM NO. 5**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Janic B. Cantu, Director of Purchasing & General Services

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

**COPIES:** Erik J. Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager;  
Albert Ortiz, Chief of Police; File

**SUBJECT:** Airborne Thermal and Visible Light Imaging Camera

**DATE:** April 8, 2004

**SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION:**

This ordinance authorizes the Purchasing & General Services Department to accept the low responsive bid submitted by Wescam Sonoma, Inc. to provide the City of San Antonio Police Department with an airborne thermal and visible light imaging camera system. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The San Antonio Police Department originally purchased a Flir U3000 infrared camera system in 1996 but in 1997 this model experienced technical problems and was replaced by Flir U6000 at no charge to the City. Currently, the Police Departments Helicopter Detail Division has only one camera system, which is not sufficient to maintain operations of their fleet of three Schweizer 333 helicopters. This camera system has become a vital asset to assist police personnel in the apprehension of criminals. During daytime operations, it is used for high altitude surveillance. During a standoff, hostage situation, robbery or car chase, the system will downlink a video of the suspect to the command post to assist street patrol personnel in their chase or arrest. During nighttime operations, infrared technology is used to assist street patrol personnel in locating suspects. This camera system, the Wescam 12DS200, will replace the existing Flir U6000, which will be traded in for a \$40,000 credit. In addition, it is estimated the camera system will be in operation for a minimum of ten years.

**POLICY ANALYSIS:**

This contract will provide the San Antonio Police Department with one airborne thermal and visible light imaging camera system. This system will be utilized in the Helicopter Detail Division for daily operations.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The total cost of this contract is \$225,675.00. The funding will be from the Grants in Aid Trust Fund 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY2003-2004 Budget approved by City Council.

**COORDINATION:**

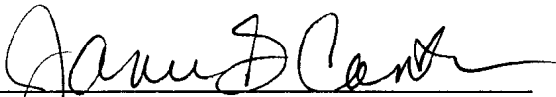
This ordinance has been coordinated with the City of San Antonio Police Department.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

This contract was developed utilizing the formal competitive bid process; therefore, an Ethics Disclosure Form is not required.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of San Antonio Purchasing Department advertises bids in the Daily Commercial Recorder, La Prensa and the San Antonio Observer. This office also advertises bids on Public Access Channel 21, the Purchasing Website and utilizes the services of Demandstar.com to notify registered vendors of City bids.

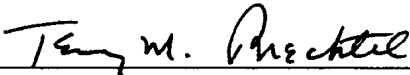


Janie B. Cantu, C.P.M., Director  
Purchasing & General Services

Approved:



Erik J. Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager  
City Manager's Office



Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager

## City of San Antonio Bid Tabulation

Opened: March 8, 2004		Wescam Sonoma Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of L-3 Communications Corporation
For: Airborne Thermal and Visible Light Imaging Camera System		103 W. North St.
04-028	DR	Healdsburg CA 95448
Item	Description	
1	1 Each - Airborne Thermal and Visible Light Imaging Camera System	
	Price Total	\$265,675.00
	Manufacturer & No.	Wescam 12DS200
2	1 Each - Trade-In FSI U6000 System (including monitor)	
	Trade In Price	(\$40,000.00)
	Price Less Trade In	\$225,675.00
	Terms	Net 30
	Delivery	90 Days
	<b>Total Award</b>	<b>\$225,675.00</b>