CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NO.

CONSENT AGENDA

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Janie B. Cantu, Director of Purchasing & General Services

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES:

Erik J. Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager;

Albert Ortiz, Police Chief; File

SUBJECT:

Radar Units

DATE:

August 5, 2004

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION:

This ordinance authorizes the Purchasing & General Services Department to accept the low qualified bid submitted by Applied Concepts, Inc. to provide the City of San Antonio Police Department with radar units. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The attached tabulation of three bids to provide the City of San Antonio Police Department with radar units is hereby submitted for council consideration and action. The bid submitted by Decatur Electronics, Inc., items 1 and 2 failed to meet Ka-Band frequency and the radar units are unable to track multiple speeds. The bid submitted by MPH Industries, Inc., item 2, was also unable to track multiple speeds as stated in the contract minimum specifications. The low qualified bid was submitted by Applied Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$38,190.00.

This contract will provide the City of San Antonio Police Department's Traffic Division with 24 handheld radar units and 3 moving vehicle mounted radar units to be used for monitoring the speed of traffic. The radar units have a life expectancy of 10 years and have a 3 year warranty.

The 24 handheld radar units will replace other units that can no longer be repaired. The 3 moving vehicle mounted radar units will be placed on 3 specialized aggressive driving cars that were purchased with the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The first radar units were introduced to the San Antonio Department in the mid 1980's. These units are utilized in the Traffic Enforcement Program to measure, compute and display the speed of an approaching or receding target vehicle. Currently, there are 120 cars and motorcycles in the Traffic Division with a mounted radar unit in addition to the 112 handheld units in service. All other patrol officers have the option to check out a handheld radar unit at the beginning of their shift. These handheld units are used when patrolling areas of high traffic complaints and school zones.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this contract is \$38,190.00. The funding will be from the Grants in Aid Trust Fund-Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY2003-2004 budget approved by City Council.

COORDINATION

This item 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, The San Antonio Observer, and the San Antonio Express-News. 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 Purghasing & 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: May 24, 2004		Applied Concepts, Inc.	Decatur Electronics, Inc.	MPH Industries, Inc.
For: Radar Units		2609 Technology Dr.	715 Bright Street	316 E. Ninth St.
04-056	DR	Plano TX 75074	Decatur IL 62522	Owensboro KY 42303
Item	Description			
1	24 Each - Handheld Radar Units Price Each		NAS	
	Price Total	\$1,185.00	}}	}
	The Total	\$28,440.00	\$13,320.00	\$29,880.00
	Manufacturer	Applied Concepts	Decatur Genesis	Z-35
	Delivery	30 Days	30 Days) i
2	3 Each - Moving Vehicle Mounted Radar Units		NAS	NAS
	Price Each	\$3,250.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,450.00
	Price Total	\$9,750.00	\$6,075.00	\$7,350.00
	Manufacturer	Applied Concepts	DEI Genesis-II	MPH BEE III
	Delivery	30 Days	30 Days	30 Days
	Terms	Net 30	Net 30	Net 30
	Total Award	\$38,190.00		