

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

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 7

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, Chief of Police;
File

SUBJECT: Airborne Thermal and Visible Light Imaging Camera System

DATE: September 2, 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 attached tabulation of one bid to provide the City of San Antonio Police Department Helicopter Detail with one airborne thermal and visible light imaging camera system is hereby submitted for council consideration and action. This bid was advertised in the Daily Commercial Recorder, La Prensa, the City of San Antonio Purchasing Website, Public Access Channel 21 and Demandstar.com. The low responsive bid was submitted by Wescam Sonoma, Inc. for a total of \$229,500.00.

This equipment is utilized as a video camera that provides day and nighttime video capability. The camera system is able to record and be downlinked to the mobile command post. The camera systems mounted on these helicopters have become a vital asset for nighttime aerial searches. The purpose of this system is to assist patrolmen in apprehending potential suspects, search for missing and wanted persons and provide an aerial video platform to command personnel with both the color video and infrared cameras. Since all systems require regular maintenance and occasional repairs, two systems are critical to the overall operation of the Police Department. Included in the cost of this system is a 3 year parts and labor warranty. In addition, this system has a life expectancy of a minimum of 10 years.

In 1996, the San Antonio Police Department purchased an infrared camera system for the Schweizer helicopters. In 1999, a second camera system was purchased. The two camera systems were shared with the four Schweizer helicopters that were in the Police Department's Helicopter fleet. On February 19, 2004, one of the helicopters which had one of the camera systems attached crashed and the helicopter along with the camera was destroyed. This left the department with 3 Schweizer helicopters and one new camera system. The City of San Antonio received the insurance settlement but it was only enough to cover the replacement value of the helicopter. On April 8, 2004, the City approved the purchase of a camera system funded through the Law Enforcement Block Grant. This second camera system will supplement the current operational camera. This purchase will be from Wescam Sonoma, Inc. for a total of \$229,500.00, funded through the State Homeland Security Grant.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Currently, the City of San Antonio Police Department Helicopter Detail Division has only one L3-Wescam camera system utilized to assist patrolmen in their daily operations for monitoring and tracking of potential suspects. The Police Department requires a minimum of two camera systems that will be rotated between their fleet of three Schweizer helicopters. The Police Department purchased a camera system on April 8, 2004, ordinance no. 99040 to replace their old camera system. As funds became available, the Police Department was able to request a second camera system to supplement their helicopter rotation. The initial request was funded through the Law Enforcement Block Grant and this second purchase will be funded through the State Homeland Security Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this contract is \$229,500.00. Funding will be from the Grants in Aid Trust Fund – State Homeland Security Grant. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY2003-2004 Budget approved by City Council.

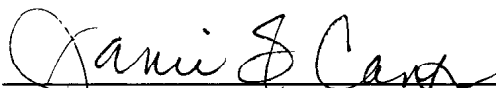
COORDINATION

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

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:


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.

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



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

Approved:



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

Opened: July 30, 2004		Wescam Sonoma Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of L-3 Communications
For: Airborne Thermal and Visible Light Imaging Camera System		103 West North Street
04-106	DR	Healdsburg CA 95448
Item	Description	
1	1 Each - Airborne Thermal and Visible Light Imaging Camera System Price Total Manufacturer & No.	\$229,500.00 Wescam TM 12DS200
	Terms Delivery	Net 30 60 Days ARO
Total Award		\$229,500.00