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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: JULY 14, 2015**

**FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT – PURCHASE OF PORTABLE ENCRYPTED RADIOS WITH HI-DESERT COMMUNICATIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$250,767.68 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURCHASING RESOLUTION 22576, SECTION 201(f)**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the purchase of forty-five (45) portable encrypted radios with Hi-Desert Communications using FY 2009 COPS Technology Grant funds for a total of \$250,767.68, in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 22576, Section 201(f).

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approve the purchase of forty-five (45) portable encrypted radios in the amount of \$250,767.68 with Hi-Desert Communications in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 22576, Section 201(f).

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Riverside Police Department uses portable radios as the primary communications link between responding officers and the dispatch center. This communication path is vital for the safety of officers and citizens. The Department has a large fleet of aging portable radios that are in need of replacement. These radios can be used to fill the current need that the department has. They are also compatible with the Riverside County Public Safety Enterprise Communication System (PSEC) which the department is asking for City Council approval to migrate to in another staff report this evening. This purchase will help reduce the future cost of migrating to the PSEC system if approved by City Council.

Staff has identified a replacement portable radio from Harris Corporation that is capable of operating on any future radio system the City may utilize or implement. The Harris Unity radio is capable of operating in VHF, UHF and 700/800 MHz bands, as well as standards based digital and trunking operation that may be present in any future radio system. This multi-band feature allows the use of all established interoperable channels and is P25 compliant. These radios allow the field officers to have direct communications with any agency on their own interoperable channels.

Hi-Desert Communications has agreed to furnish the equipment in accordance with their cooperative purchasing agreement with Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) under Contract #02702. Hi-Desert Communications is an authorized vendor of Harris Corporation

Equipment and will provide the radios at pricing 2% below the WSCA contract price. Purchasing Resolution 22576, Section 201(f) states that competitive procurement shall not be required when goods or services are obtained through cooperative purchasing. The Purchasing Services Manager concurs that this exception applies and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to contract with Hi-Desert Communications for the procurement of the portable encrypted radios.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with the recommendation above.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no impact to the General Fund. The total cost to purchase forty-five (45) radios is \$250,767.68. Sufficient funds are available in the FY 2009 COPS Technology Grant fund Account No. 9137500-440110.

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