



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

October 9, 2006

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Jeanette Bennett, Purchasing Director
Gert Paraskevin, Information Technology Director
Charles T. Craft, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Bid Waiver – Purchase of In-Car Video System

Background:

- Approximately seven years ago the police department purchased an analog, 8mm format, in-car audio-video system. All patrol, animal control, and road patrol Police Service Aide units are equipped with recording units. The system has proven effective. It provides excellent evidence on a variety of criminal cases (most notably, drunk driving cases) and enables the department to reduce civil liability.
- The MML, MMRMA, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) all highly recommend the use of in-car recording systems.
- Due to age and constant use, the current system is failing. Recording units work sporadically and audio quality is poor. Cars are often out of service due to camera failure and we have lost valuable evidence due to camera/recorder malfunctions. A considerable amount of staff time is spent repairing the system as well as processing and copying tapes.
- Department research determined that the system should be replaced with a digital system. The upgrade to digital technology allows for easier and quicker access to recordings, recording review via the City network, and wireless transfer of the recorded data to a server. The digital system not only provides a much higher quality recording, but also reduces the staff time required to process and copy tapes.
- Over 10 different digital in-car systems were reviewed. It was determined that the VisionHawk system, manufactured by International Police Technologies, best fits the department's needs and had the highest quality and reliability. Research included demonstrations by the various manufacturers of both the in-car equipment and the management software, interview of users of the various systems, and site visits. The VisionHawk system was found to be more user friendly, easier to learn and manage, and had the highest level of customer satisfaction. VisionHawk offers technology and features not available on other systems: such as, the capability to simultaneously record audio transmissions from multiple transmitters, and the ability for officers to monitor the audio transmissions of other officers.

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Financial Considerations:

- Funding for this project will be available from Police Communications A/C#401325.7980.050, Uniform Patrol #401315.7978.010, and Police Administration Drug Enforcement #401305.7978.065. Upon purchase of the system, the MMRMA will reimburse the City of Troy \$25,000.00.
- International Police Technologies (IPT) holds a Federal GSA contract (GS-07F-9906H) for the equipment.
- Approval to utilize the GSA Schedule for this purchase authorized by the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget through the 1122 Counterdrug Program.

Legal Considerations:

- Since Federal bidding regulations are different than the City's, each time GSA pricing is offered, City management requests a bid waiver if federal pricing is being extended by the contract holder. In this case, IPT is the GSA contract holder.

Policy Considerations:

- The purchase of the VisionHawk in-car recording system will increase the Police Department's efficiency through digital technology (Goals #1 – "Minimize cost and increase efficiency of City government and #3 – Effectively and professionally communicate internally and externally"), and provides excellent evidence on a variety of criminal cases (most notably, drunk driving cases) and enables the department to reduce civil liability (Goal #6 - "Protect life and property").

Options:

- City management recommends that a formal bid procedure is waived, and that the City Council authorize the purchase of a digital in-car video system from International Police Technologies (IPT) at an estimated total cost of approximately \$291,000.00 using GSA-FSS Contract GS-07F-9906H pricing. This cost includes the in-car units, server, associated software, wireless transfer equipment, installation, and training.



1122 PROGRAM



PROCUREMENT REQUEST FORM

*Please type information

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Date October 3, 2006

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VENDOR NAME: International Police Technologies	VENDOR ADDRESS 4150 S 87th East Ave Tulsa OK 74145
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Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Dollar Amount	Comparable retail price	Savings
Visionhawk digital camera	40	1	\$5,549.00	\$221,960	229,960	\$8,000.00
Visionhawk management system	1	1	\$39,400.	\$39,400.	\$45,000	\$5,600.00
Total Dollar Amount of Purchases				\$261,380.	\$274,960	\$13,600.00

Purchase Authorized by: Title Signature <i>Perry Saites</i>	Date
SPOC Approval DODAAC # ALEABT 0973	Date

for Claudia Allen
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1122 Program Attachment

- Do you participate/contribute to a drug task force? What is your participation/contribution? Describe your drug problem and your strategy in attacking the problem.

The Troy Police Department has adopted a multi-level strategy to address our drug problem, which primarily consists of local users, trafficking through the city via motor vehicle, drug transactions conducted in large commercial parking areas, and upper level drug traffickers who reside in Troy. The strategy consists of task force participation, department based investigations, information sharing, and enforcement at the patrol officer level.

The department has assigned one full-time police officer to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and one full-time sergeant to the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET). In addition, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the DEA, the department has agreed to provide surveillance assistance, through its Special Investigations Unit, and warrant execution assistance, through the Tactical Support Team, upon request. When applicable, narcotics related intelligence and tips are forwarded to either NET of the DEA.

Internally, the department's Criminal Intelligence Unit, Special Investigations Unit and Directed Patrol Unit, develop information and take enforcement action related to narcotics trafficking based in or conducting business in the City of Troy. Patrol and Traffic Safety Unit officers are directed, through department general order, to utilize traffic enforcement as a tool to reduce narcotics trafficking.

The in-car video system will be utilized by patrol personnel to document searches and record conversations with as well as the questioning of narcotics users and traffickers.