

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 2007

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Emmett H. Harmon, Police Chief  
William T. Luton, Fire Chief

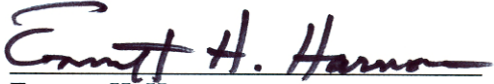
SUBJECT: Contract Award - Mobile Data Terminals

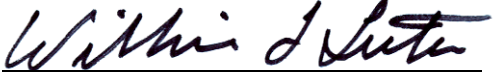
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The FY 2008 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget contains funds for the purchase of mobile data terminals for use by the Police and Fire Departments in patrol vehicles and fire apparatus. The terminals are heavy-duty computers that will interface with multiple communication channels including the County's 800-MHz Motorola public safety radio system, commercial broadband radio based networks, and the County wireless network to bring a variety of voice and data services directly to public safety staff in the field. The selected units are hardened computers designed for in vehicle and field use and they meet Department of Defense military specifications for public safety use. Upon consultation with the Purchasing Office, the Police and Fire Chiefs recommend a sole source procurement for 67 mobile data terminals in the amount of \$430,661 (\$276,661 from the County CIP budget and \$154,000 from a Department of Homeland Defense Fire Grant) because Motorola is the only source practicably available to provide terminals with guaranteed compatibility with the existing public safety radio system.

Motorola's proposed rates have been reviewed by the Purchasing Office and compared to other public contracts and current market rates for price reasonableness.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached resolution awarding a contract for mobile data terminals to Motorola.

  
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Attachment