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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Subject: Contract between the City of Durham and COBAN Technologies, Inc.
Statement of Work for the Digital In-Car Video Solution Phase I

Executive Summary

The Police Department intends to purchase and install COBAN Technologies, Inc.'s state-of-the-art digital in-car video solution and their back-office system to replace existing in-car camera systems for 30 cars in Phase I. The new system will provide improved video quality for evidentiary purposes, enhanced digital file security, automated compliance with file retention policies and disaster recovery processes.

Recommendation

The Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the contract between the City of Durham and COBAN Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$356,269.83.

Background

The unreliability of the Department's current in-car video solution led to researching and identifying a new vendor and product to meet current and expanding needs. The requirements included minimizing the impact on police officers' time related to uploading videos from cars to a centralized database, uploading videos in a timely manner, and providing improved security, storage and search capabilities.

Issues/Analysis

The current system utilizes a combination of VHS tapes and removable hard drives to store videos. The file upload process requires officers to drop off media at Police Headquarters IT Services, who then have to manually upload videos to a server. Searching the videos is a tedious and time consuming process as the media sometimes contains a month's worth of videos. Also, the risk of losing data increases the longer the videos are not transferred to a centralized storage device.

The new system provides a wireless upload solution that uploads files twice daily, automatically without interaction from the officer, from the car to the centralized storage system. The files are secured, stored, and backed up, all within a 24-hour period of time.

Alternatives

The alternative is to continue with the existing in-car camera vendor and system. This will require contracting with a vendor to identify and resolve ongoing technical issues.

Financial Impact

There will be no financial impact on the City’s general funds because the Department will use its Federal and/or State Asset forfeiture Funds to make the proposed purchases. The Department receives both State and Federal forfeitures from government agencies as a result of assets seized during drug arrests/investigations.

The City Council approved use of Asset Forfeiture funds on this project on the following dates:

9/2/2008	\$370,000
10/5/2009	\$320,000
3/15/2010	<u>\$ 60,000</u>
Total	\$750,000

SDBE Summary

The Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department reviewed the bid submitted by Coban Research & Technologies, Inc. of Stafford, Texas and have determined they are in compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Opportunities in City Contracting.

SDBE REQUIREMENTS

There were no SDBEs to provide this Product.

Total Workforce	43	100%
Total Females	14	33%
Total Males	29	67%
Black Males	0	0%
White Males	4	9%
Other Males	25	59%
Black Females	0	0%
White Females	4	9%
Other Females	10	23%