



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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October 7, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Specifications No. PA-01908 and award a contract to Aardvark Tactical, Inc., to furnish and deliver 37 Protech Trimax OPS-IIIA Police Tactical (bulletproof) Vests, in the estimated amount of \$119,636.82, plus a 10 percent contingency if necessary and if funding is available, for a period of one year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Aardvark Tactical to furnish and deliver 37 Protech Trimax OPS-IIIA Police Tactical (bulletproof) Vests in order to maintain operational capability for the Long Beach Police SWAT team. It has been determined the "life of usage" of the current Police Tactical Vests used by the SWAT team expired in October 2008 and require replacement to insure the safety of the Police SWAT team members.

The bid was advertised on July 31, 2008 and 252 potential bidders were notified of the bid opportunity. The bid document was made available from the Purchasing Division, located on the Plaza Level of City Hall, and the Division's website at www.longbeach.gov/purchasing. A bid announcement was also included in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open Bid Opportunities, which is sent to 30 local, minority and women's business groups. Bids were opened on August 12, 2008. Aardvark Tactical, Inc., of Azusa, CA (not a MBE, WBE, local or SBE), was the lowest responsible bidder.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Burton on September 15, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on September 18, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt Specifications No. PA-01908 and award a contract concurrently is requested on October 7, 2008 to expedite the purchase of the police tactical vests and maintain operational capability for the Long Beach Police SWAT team.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of this contract is estimated to be \$119,636.82. Funding will be provided by two separate grants contained within the Police Department budget: California State COPS 2008 Grant for \$102,480.53 and Federal Bullet Proof Vests Grant for \$17,156.29. The City will have the option of adding expenditures up to 10 percent (or \$11,964) above the contract amount, if necessary and if funding is available.

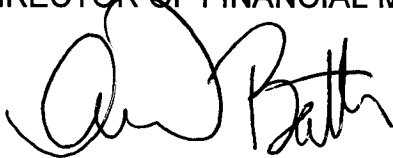
SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

LAF:ES:MFB

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APPROVED:



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