



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

RES-30

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August 3, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Resolution to Authorize a Contract With ProForce Marketing, Inc., to Purchase Taser Equipment and Accessories (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Police Department is requesting authorization to enter into a contract for the purchase of taser equipment and accessories from ProForce Marketing, Inc. The purchase of tasers will provide police officers with a less-lethal alternative to the use of their service weapon. ProForce Marketing, Inc., is the sole authorized taser distributor to police departments for Southern California.

In March 2004, the City purchased 94 tasers. An additional 260 tasers and accessories are requested to increase the number of officers equipped to respond with a less-lethal weapon when confronted with violent and non-compliant subjects. It is the intention of the Police Department to eventually provide tasers to all sworn officers. The Police Department estimates needing an additional 235 tasers to accomplish this.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on July 12, 2004 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 16, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt the attached Resolution and award the contract concurrently is requested on August 3, 2004 to expedite the purchase of less-lethal equipment for police officers.

FISCAL IMPACT


The total cost of this purchase will not exceed \$284,000. This expenditure is included in the Police Department's estimate to close for the current fiscal year and will be funded by the General Fund (PD 301) in the amount of \$194,615 and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant VIII in the amount of \$89,385, which includes a 1 percent City match.

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with ProForce Marketing, Inc., for the purchase of taser equipment and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$284,000.

Respectfully submitted,



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ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

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Resolution-Taser Equipment

Attachment