



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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May 2, 2006

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City of Long Beach  
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### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Intercept, Inc. for pre-employment polygraph examination services at an estimated cost of \$150,000. The term of the contract will be for one year with the option for two additional one-year extensions, which will be executed at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

The Police Department (Department) is requesting to contract with Intercept, Inc., (Intercept) to provide pre-employment polygraph examinations. Intercept has provided this service to the Police Department for several years under a purchase order. The Department polygrapher normally performs the majority of the polygraph examinations with any overload forwarded to Intercept. Due to a long-term disability of the Department polygrapher and the time required to school and train a new polygrapher, it is necessary to utilize Intercept for all polygraph examinations. Since the spending limitation on a purchase order is \$100,000 and the Department anticipates polygraph services will exceed that amount, a contract is necessary.

The Department contacted six polygraph companies, including Intercept. Intercept has two local offices and the ability to process up to 10 applicants per day as compared to a maximum of four applicants per day from other polygraph companies. It is the only local polygraph company capable of processing the volume of applicants necessary to meet the Department's hiring deadline.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on April 26, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 21, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on May 2, 2006 as the current purchase order expires on May 10, 2006, and it is necessary to ensure services are available for processing the next police recruits.

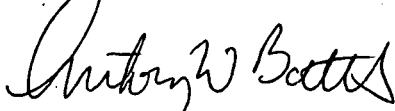
FISCAL IMPACT

The Department will absorb all associated costs for the subject contract within its existing General Fund appropriation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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APPROVED:



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