

CITY OF LONG BEACH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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May 3, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract, and any subsequent amendments, with T-Netix, Inc., to furnish inmate telephone services at the Long Beach City Jail with revenues to benefit the Prisoner Welfare Fund. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Police Department is requesting a contract to continue furnishing inmate telephone services at the Long Beach City Jail, revenues from which will benefit the Prisoner Welfare Fund.

A contractor was sought through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The bid documents were available from the Purchasing Division located on the Plaza Level of City Hall and on the Purchasing Division website at www.lbpurchasing.org.

Forty-seven potential bidders were notified. Of those forty-seven, only four submitted proposals. None of the submitting vendors were Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and none were Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE).

The bid from Inmate Communications Corporation provided the highest return with T-Netix, Inc. (T-Netix) offering the next highest. Based on the Department's past experience with T-Netix, their quality of service, and the stability of the corporation, T-Netix was selected.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on April 26, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 25, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 3, 2005 to ensure that the new contract for furnishing and delivering inmate phone services is started as soon as possible due to the expiration of the Verizon contract, which currently furnishes phone services.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact on the City budget, as there are no contractual costs associated with this service. Forty-one percent of all revenue generated from this activity will be paid to the Long Beach Police Department (PD) and placed into the Prisoner Welfare Fund to finance purchases that benefit the welfare of the inmates. The term of the contract will be three years, with the option of two additional one-year periods.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

MANAGER

MILLER

CITY MANAGER

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