

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



Date of City Council Meeting: July 5, 2011

TO: Laurel Barcelona, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF CITY SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM

Recommendation: That the City Council:

Approve the award of a contract to purchase a Citywide CCTV system from RoboVu of Phoenix, Arizona in the amount of \$171,954 and authorize the Purchasing & Materials Manager to issue a purchase order.

Background and or Discussion:

In spring 2010, the City invited proposals for an in-vehicle computer and video system that automatically extracts video to network storage on a video hub server and awarded to RoboVu, LLC of Phoenix, Arizona as the highest rated proposer. That equipment has worked well for the City.

The City has a grant approved by the City Council on November 17, 2009 for \$400,000, of which \$171,954 was assigned to purchase and install a Citywide CCTV system. RoboVu offered, with the in-car video system negotiation, that their storage infrastructure would be extensible for a Citywide CCTV system.

Lompoc City Code reads: 3.36.040 E Standardization. When supplies, materials, equipment, or services have been uniformly adopted or otherwise standardized, or when an item is designated to match others in use by the City, the purchase is not subject to this Chapter.

The City now has an in-Car Video network storage system in place and working well. The RoboVu system is the City's standard CCTV video recording platform, and can be adaptable to either in-car or fixed mounted cameras, and is the sole source for this system.

The system, as planned, will allow video data from each camera to be transferred via the WiFi to the dispatch center at the PD at which time it will be stored on a centralized server system and viewable via a large screen monitor that will display several camera views in the Dispatch Center. Pan – Tilt – Zoom (PTZ) Cameras will be capable of isolating larger views of activity, manipulating

cameras to change angles and augmenting enforcement efforts via grant-funded overtime which is also funded through this grant. Officers will be able to monitor activity and respond immediately to identified illegal activity. The public cameras will be moveable, providing the Police Department the ability to place cameras in problem neighborhoods for a period of time and then allowing for movement of them to another problem area, as deemed necessary.

An additional element will be a camera installed in the rear of a surveillance vehicle that has previously been purchased with funding from this same grant.

The use of public cameras has proven in other communities to improve observation and apprehension of criminal activity to include graffiti, gang fighting, drug dealing, etc. Additionally, it has been proven that criminals that generally know hidden cameras are watching them tend to avoid criminal behavior in those neighborhoods for fear of observation and arrest.

Conclusion:

Staff therefore recommends that the City Council approve the Award of a Contract to purchase a Citywide CCTV system to RoboVu, of Phoenix Arizona in the amount of \$171,954. Funds for this purchase are available in Account No. 11094-74547.

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Attachments: [Proposal and Statement of Work, Robovu, LLC](#)

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Purchasing and Materials Manager

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

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City Administrator