

Purchasing: *Bullett*
Director

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
06/09/05

SUBJECT: Approval of Breeze-Eastern as the Sole Source Vendor to
Provide an Aviation Rescue Hoist for the Sheriff's Department

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase an Aviation Rescue Hoist from Breeze-Eastern for a cost not to exceed \$105,000, without securing competitive bids, in accordance with Ordinance 459.4.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the Sheriff's Department has a single rescue hoist for its two AS350B3 helicopters. This hoist has been used extensively during search and rescue operations, marijuana eradication efforts and to support other operations that require personnel be landed in remote areas of the county. It has saved lives and reduced risk to rescue workers during numerous missions throughout Riverside County. Further, the hoist reduces the man-hours that would normally be involved in these operations.

Departmental Concurrence

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Janis K Conklin for
Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$105,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2004-05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Asset Forfeiture	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature *Jally A. Pearson*

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 4/19/05 3.20 | District: All | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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Last year, our only hoist malfunctioned during a rescue and was out of service for eight weeks for repairs. The victims and one rescuer had to spend an additional night on the mountain until an alternate method of rescue could be utilized. Further, our hoist will be due for overhaul by the end of the calendar year and will be out of service for another six to eight weeks. The risk of loss of life and the cost in Department time is too great for the County to continue without a second hoist.

The Federal Aviation Administration must certify and approve equipment installed on U.S. Civil aircraft. Currently, Breeze-Eastern is the only manufacturer/distributor of a 450-pound rescue hoist system certified by the FAA for installation on an AS350B3 helicopter.

Price Reasonableness

Breeze-Eastern deals exclusively with helicopter builders. The Sheriff's Department has successfully negotiated with Breeze-Eastern to purchase directly from the firm; thereby avoiding the almost 75% mark-up tacked on to the price of the rescue hoist by the helicopter manufacturers.