

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

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FROM: COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 21, 2007

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN AUDIO SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM AND MULTI-YEAR MAINTENANCE/REPAIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITHOUT SECURING COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the proposed purchase of an audio security alarm system for the Rubidoux Family Care Center in the amount of \$24,750.00 without obtaining competitive bids in accordance with Ordinance 459.4;
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase monitoring, maintenance and consumable supplies based on the monitoring schedule of Sonitrol Verified Electronic Security in the amount of \$419.00 per month and renew the contract annually in one year increments for up to three (3) additional years, provided the cost does not exceed the CPI index.
3. Accept the audio security system manufactured by Sonitrol Verified Electronic Security Systems as a standard for future purchases by the Departments of Clinic Management and Nutrition Services, Community Health Agency of Riverside County.

Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: It is important that the County provide a safe environment for its employees and our cliental.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 26,845	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2006-2007

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 50% Grants/50% Revenue

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

Dept Recomm.:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Policy
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BACKGROUND (Continued)

The Riverside County Clinic Management department currently has Sonitrol VESS Intrusion Alarm System equipment in most of their locations. The Clinic Management Department would like to standardize this equipment for all future installations until such time as it becomes technically obsolete or a new source is found.

This system from Sonitrol consists of alarm equipment installed at the department locations and signal receiving equipment at the central monitoring station. This equipment is proprietary by design and therefore, we cannot mix this equipment with other manufacturers or monitoring companies. Sonitrol VESS systems are now installed in 8 of the 10 County health clinics. The equipment design, overall operation and distribution truly makes it a proprietary system that is manufactured by Sonitrol VESS and sold only through authorized Sonitrol VESS offices. This product is not sold through normal Distribution channels where security products are normally made available to alarm dealers.

The standard intrusion system which operates during non business hours is activated by noise. It is enhanced by a business hour "panic/holdup" button that can be depressed during emergencies by staff. This allows the alarm Central Dispatch Center to listen in on any disturbance when the button is depressed at a time when the main system is disarmed. Emergency personnel, i.e.: law enforcement, ambulance, etc. can be immediately dispatched without staff speaking to Central Dispatch.

With the audio based system, anytime a noise occurs, such as glass breakage, banging or in many cases, less obvious sounds, the audio sensors are activated and the monitoring center is able to listen in "live" to what is occurring on the premises. The monitoring center is able to determine if the noise is a viable threat to call law enforcement and report that a verified break-in has occurred; conversely, with a conventional system, Central Dispatch calls police and reports that an alarm has gone off but can't verify that it is not a false alarm. Therefore, the audio system dramatically reduces the rate of false alarms thereby reducing the fees paid to law enforcement for false alarm calls.

JUSTIFICATION: Sonitrol Intrusion Alarm Systems are currently installed in 8 of the 10 County Family Care Centers. Because of the pharmaceuticals and other merchandise the Departments of Clinic Management and Nutrition Services (WIC) have requested that the audio intrusion system be accepted as the standard for all future sites. In addition, having to deal with multiple alarm systems, alarm monitoring centers and maintenance contracts would be more time consuming for the department and not provide a standard level of security for all locations.

PRICE REASONABLENESS: The current vendor was selected through a competitive bid process when the first few systems were installed. The pricing offered to the County now remains consistent with the discounting originally offered during that bid process. The vendor

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certifies that the prices offered are the lowest prices offered to any comparable customer and are within the average cost for maintenance of similar type equipment.

REVIEW/APPROVAL: The proposed agreement was reviewed by the County Purchasing Agent.