

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

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**FROM:** Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
4/10/07

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Protection Development International Corporation, as a Sole Source Provider for a Tactical Caterpillar Multi-Terrain Tracked Vehicle (TAC-CAT).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Purchasing Agent to purchase a Tactical Caterpillar Multi-Terrain Tracked Vehicle (TAC-CAT) and accessories from Protection Development International Corporation (PDIC) at a cost not to exceed \$133,104.00 without securing competitive bids, in accordance with Ordinance 459.4.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 26, 2006 (3.55) the Board accepted the 2006 State Home Security Grant. With these funds the Sheriff's Department would like to purchase a TAC-CAT armored vehicle for the Hazardous Devices Team. This vehicle is built to highly technical specification. Use of this vehicle will increase the department's ability to protect its personnel from numerous hazards while they are engaged in hostile situations or in an environment where explosives are present. It will also provide them with tools necessary to breach, tear down or remotely peer over obstacles with minimal exposure. Currently, the Sheriff's Department does not have a tactical vehicle in its fleet with these capabilities.

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

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$133,104	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$2,559	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2006-07

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Grant Funds and Department Budget</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**APPROVE**

*Lisa Brandell*

**County Executive Office Signature**

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

Purchasing: Billy Connett for Director

Departmental Concurrence:

The Sheriff's Department has used a TAC-CAT belonging to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. In the Jurupa area in 2006, the vehicle was used to protect deputies during a confrontation with an armed suspect. Protection Development International Corporation, location in Corona, is the only manufacturer and distributor of this patented product.

**Price Reasonableness:**

The price quoted to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department is \$133,104 and includes all accessories, sales tax, training and delivery. Over three years ago, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department paid approximately \$105,621; however, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department did not purchase the camera and video option. The price of steel has also driven up the cost of this equipment. The vendor has advised that they do not sell this equipment any cheaper to any other agency.

Date: 4/9/07  
From: Lt. Henry Sawicki Department/Agency: Sheriff/Administration  
To: Board of Supervisors  
Via: Purchasing Agent  
Subject: Sole Source Procurement; Request for

The below information is provided in support of my Department requesting approval for a sole source. Outside of a duly declared emergency, the time to develop a statement of work or specifications is not in itself justification for sole source.

**Supply/Service being requested:** One (1) Tactical Caterpillar Multi-Terrain Tracked Vehicle (TAC-CAT), with accessories.

**Supplier being requested:** Protection Development International Corporation (PDIC)

**Alternative suppliers that can or might be able to provide supply/service:** None

**Extent of market search conducted:** Industry-wide, world-wide

**Unique features of the supply/service being requested from this supplier, which no alternative supplier can provide:**

The armored vehicle (TAC-CAT) sought by the Sheriff's Department Hazardous Devices Team is built to highly technical specifications. The unit will provide safe cover for deputies approaching a high risk area and provide them with tools necessary to breach, tear down or remotely (with attachment-mounted cameras) peer over obstacles with minimal exposure. The department does not currently have a tactical vehicle in its fleet with these capabilities. The availability of this vehicle will increase the department's ability to protect its personnel from numerous hazards while they are engaged in hostile situations or in an environment where explosives are present. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has had occasion to request and utilize a TAC-CAT belonging to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. During an incident in the Jurupa area in 2006, the vehicle was used to protect deputies during a confrontation with an armed suspect. Protection Development International Corporation, located in Corona, is the only manufacturer of this patented product.

Reasons why my department requires these unique features and what benefit will accrue to the county:

The vehicle will increase the department's ability to protect its personnel from numerous hazards while they are engaged in hostile situations or in an environment where explosives are present.

