

March 7, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
March 14, 2006

Purchase of Mobile Data Computers for Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that council:

1. Authorize the purchase and installation of seven (7) mobile data computers (MDCs) for the fire department from South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority.

BACKGROUND:

Mobile data computers (MDCs) are essential communication devices that provide fire personnel detailed emergency response information and secure communications between emergency units and the dispatch center. The purchase and installation of MDCs in all fire department emergency response vehicles will improve communications in order to effectively upgrade emergency response operations, and enhance firefighter and public safety.

City Council approved the Fire Department receipt of \$162,441.00 in grant funding from the FEMA "Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program", to purchase communication equipment. Grant acceptance required the city to contribute a one time total of \$8,549.00 as its "matching" share. Seven (7) MDCs were identified in the grant proposal as specific communication equipment need.

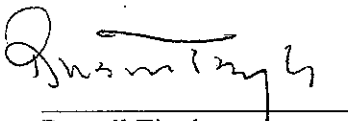
The City of Hermosa Beach solicited sealed bids from qualified vendors to furnish the Fire Department with seven (7) complete MDC units, including all console and mounting hardware, installation labor cost, and sales tax. South Bay Regional Public Communication Authority (RCC) of Hawthorne submitted the only bid of \$67,127.16.

Fiscal Impact:

The total cost for the purchase and installation of the identified MDCs is \$67,127.16. The amount of \$58,577.16 will be taken from Grant funds, account #150-2204-5405.

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:



Russell Tingley
Fire Chief



Stephen Burrell
City Manager

Noted for Fiscal Impact:



Viki Copeland
Finance Director