



Legislation Text

File #: 22-1533, **Version:** 1

Sheriff's Office recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the purchase of a custom TriVan Truck Body in the amount of approximately \$240,000;
- 2) Find that, in accordance with Section 3.12.160. of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code, due to the unique nature of the property or services required competitive bidding is precluded; and
- 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase agreement for the TriVan Truck Body.

FUNDING: General Fund.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

TriVan Custom Truck Body

Currently, the Sheriff's Office SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team utilizes an older model Ambulance to transport needed equipment to callouts. The vehicle contains tools and equipment necessary to complete any SWAT operation. The vehicle is not properly equipped to hold all necessary equipment and was not designed with SWAT storage in mind. Recently the SWAT vehicle has broken down while responding to callouts and training which has severely hindered the SWAT team's ability to respond to critical incidents in a timely manner. Given the age and condition of the Ambulance the Sheriff's Office was approved in the FY 2022-23 budget to purchase a replacement vehicle. The new SWAT equipment vehicle will be designed and built to properly store all necessary equipment the SWAT team needs on a given callout. Additionally, it will be reliable and able to respond in a timely manner to a critical incident.

In the past, TriVan was chosen to design, engineer, and build both the Sheriff's Office Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Truck and Mobile Command Post. Due to TriVan's "Snap Lock" panel wall system and proprietary techniques, the Sheriff's Office has previously worked with Procurement to designate TriVan as a Sole Source provider. TriVan will be able to design a vehicle that can transport equipment for each SWAT operator during a callout while maintaining security of the equipment. Additionally, given that TriVan has already built vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, they are aware of the terrain and rural nature of the County and can ensure that the designs and mechanics of the vehicle suit the needs of the community.

ALTERNATIVES

Not approving this item diminishes the resources available to EDSO during critical incidences.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Procurement and Contracts

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no increase to net county cost, these items are all to be paid for with budgeted funds.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Leveraging available resources to protect the community increases public safety.

CONTACT

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