



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Information Technology Department's Radio Shop and Infrastructure Division is requesting a services contract with Forrest Telecom for a broad range of radio frequency coordination, consultation and analytical support. The services provided through this contract will enhance public safety and non-public safety radio communications at locations throughout Monterey County. Services shall include, but are not limited to, coverage analysis, intermodulation analysis, recommendations regarding the Federal Communications Commission's filing procedures and processes, radio site channel combining/distribution analysis, and multi-user co-location recommendations and analysis. Monterey County has contracted with Forrest Telecom Engineering Inc. previously for similar services and wishes to enter into a new contract with this vendor for continued radio frequency support.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed the proposed Agreement and cannot approve the following terms: non-standard termination provisions; non-standard conflict of interest and professional certification provisions; non-standard indemnification; and non-standard dispute provisions. Risk does not approve non-standard insurance provisions.

FINANCING:

The cost of this agreement is \$70,200, of which \$23,400 has been included in the FY20-21 Recommended Budget for the Information Technology Department, ITD 1930, Budget Unit 8436, Appropriations Unit INF002. Transactions relating to future fiscal years will be included in each respective Recommended Budget based upon the anticipated utilization of the services.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This contract is essential to ensure availability of, and accessibility to, highly technical consulting services that support Monterey County public safety and non-public safety radio communications including the Next Generation Radio System, and County-wide microwave refresh projects. Monterey County's previous contract with Forrest Telecom Engineering Inc. expired and renewal is recommended to meet County needs, as described above.

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Attachments:
Forrest Telecom Engineering, Inc. Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board