



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA WAIVING THE CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS AND APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH WINBOURNE CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE STRATEGIC, OPERATIONAL AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FOR THE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The Police Department is seeking professional services to expand its innovative Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) program.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The Chula Vista Police Department's innovative Unmanned Aerial System (UAS or "drone") program is the first in the nation to regularly use Drone as a First Responder (DFR) in daily emergency operations. As part of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) UAS Integration Pilot Program, CVPD staff has worked with the FAA to integrate drones into the National Airspace for emergency services.

To date, CVPD has responded to more than 600 emergency calls for service and assisted on 82 arrests with an average response time of 130 seconds from the time it is dispatched. In fact, the drone arrives on scene first on almost 50% of calls, giving officers critical real-time intelligence and video of emergency situations. This intelligence helps them formulate better tactics and response plans, which are key de-escalation tools. The DFR program has garnered positive national news attention, is held up as the future of drones in law enforcement and is a key component of Chula Vista's Smart Cities initiative. The Police Department has

funded almost all equipment via the Chula Vista Police Foundation or asset seizure funds and funded personnel costs via internal budget management and cost savings. More information about the program can be found on the Police Department's website: <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/programs/uas-drone-program>.

While the program has been highly successful to date, it is poised to become even more impactful via an expansion to a second launch site and expanded hours and days of operations in support of patrol officers. The Police Department has internal resources and personnel to support continued DFR operations but does not have sufficient in-house expertise and available staff to help move the program forward in the most cost effective and efficient manner. It is for this reason that CVPD is seeking a professional services contract with Winbourne Consulting to provide project management, strategic advice and vendor management services to reach for new DFR goals.

Winbourne Consulting provides professional services that are specifically tailored to the unique technology needs of law enforcement. CVPD has had a successful track record with Winbourne starting in 2014 with a major Mobile Data Computer project and a 2016 project to upgrade CVPD's Computer Aided Dispatch system. Both projects were highly successful and came in under budgeted estimates. The specific expertise and track record of success by Winbourne Consulting as well as their extensive knowledge of CVPD operational capacity and needs will be critical in advancing the DFR program and more fully integrating it into the Computer Aided Dispatch system. Because of these reasons, the Police Department is requesting to waive the formal bid requirement and approve the agreement with Winbourne Consulting to provide project management support for the DFR program.

The Police Department has identified asset seizure funds for the program to ensure there is no impact to the General Fund or other Department general operating expenses. The goal of the agreement is to expand the DFR program as a model for other law enforcement agencies, to increase automation and efficiencies in emergency response and to enhance public safety and officer safety.

The initial contract period will be six (6) months after City approval and may be extended for three (3) additional six-month periods, upon agreement of both parties.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will result in an agreement with Winbourne Consulting, LLC to provide strategic, operational and project management support for the UAS Program. The contract amount of \$80,000 has

already been included in the fiscal year 2019/2020 adopted budget. There is no net fiscal impact by accepting this resolution.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

If contract extensions are agreed by both parties, any costs in subsequent fiscal years will be included in the proposed budget and will be considered as part of the normal budget process.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Proposal by Winbourne Consulting, LLC to provide strategic, operational and project management support for the UAS Drone Program

Attachment 2: Agreement with Winbourne Consulting, LLC to provide strategic, operational and project management support for the UAS Program

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