



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Authorize FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program Expenditures

### **Report in Brief**

Law enforcement in Yolo County was awarded \$38,000 in FY07 to purchase equipment related to homeland security. The equipment to be purchased, three (3) SIMRAD Night Observations Devices, was approved by the Homeland Security Grant Program Authority. These tools will be utilized by law enforcement personnel to enhance low light capabilities and improve security for the citizens and critical infrastructure within Yolo County. Woodland PD will serve as the purchasing agent for this operational area procurement. Based on the availability of similar equipment, it has been determined that only \$29,000 is needed for this acquisition.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$29,000 from the General Fund to purchase (3) SIMRAD Night Observation Devices that will be reimbursed by Homeland Security Grant funds.

### **Background**

The City of Woodland has participated in the federal Homeland Security Grant Program annually since 2002, and has received grant funded materials and training as a result of this participation. This Federal Grant is administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, with the Yolo County Operational Area designated as a sub-grantee. The Yolo County Operational Area includes all public safety departments within Yolo County and is managed by the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services.

In January 2005, the City of Woodland Fire Department was the purchasing agent for fire related items for homeland security preparedness utilizing FY03-04 Homeland Security Grant funds.

In the recent past purchases made related to the expenditure of grant funds allocated for the law enforcement side of homeland security have been made by either the Davis Police Department or the

Yolo County Sheriff's office. The City of Woodland is responsible for purchases of law enforcement related items for FY07.

### **Discussion**

The purchase of three (3) SIMRAD Night Observations Devices was recommended using FY-07 funds. These devices use infrared technology to allow the user of the device to see the movement of people in a dark environment that would otherwise be invisible. These devices can be used in a stand-alone mode of operation, or used in conjunction with telescopic sighting systems to allow the deployment of the device in a tactical environment. In either mode of operation the device is intended to enhance law enforcement capabilities related to homeland security and the safety of our community. The recommendation of the committee to purchase these observation devices was adopted and approved by the local Approval Authority, and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

Since the initial approval of \$38,000 to purchase 3 SIMRAD Night Observation Devices the Police Department has learned that the model initially quoted is currently being dedicated to fill federal government contracts. A new model (AN/PVS-24) with similar operational capabilities, and approved by the grant program is now being offered at a lower price and is immediately available. This new model allows quicker target acquisition in a tactical environment.

It should also be noted that Southern Precision Armory, aka; SPA Defense, is the sole source provider for SIMRAD Night Observation Devices.

As this is a reimbursement program, the City may utilize, with the City Council's approval, the General Fund to purchase the approved equipment. Once the equipment is received by the Police Department a reimbursement claim form will be submitted to the County Office of Emergency Services, and then forwarded to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. Once the Governor's Office of Homeland Security approves and processes the claim and the check from the State is received by the County, the reimbursement is processed and the grant funds are returned to the General Fund. The Homeland Security Grants are federal pass through funds and therefore should not be affected by the State's fiscal condition.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This expenditure is cost neutral to the City of Woodland as the General Fund expenditure will be reimbursed.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$29,000 from the General Fund to purchase (3) SIMRAD Night Observation Devices that will be reimbursed by Homeland Security Grant funds.

Prepared by: George Bierwirth  
Lieutenant

Reviewed by: Carey F. Sullivan  
Chief of Police

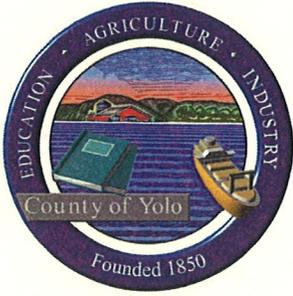
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Mark G. Deven  
City Manager

**Attachments:**

Letter from William Martin, Emergency Services Manager, Yolo County Office of Emergency Services.

Product Quote from Southern Precision Armory – the sole source for three (3) SIMRAD Night Observation Devices, dated 07/29/2008.



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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July 29, 2008

Lt. George Bierwirth  
Woodland Police Department  
1000 Lincoln Avenue  
Woodland, CA 95695

Dear Lt. Bierwirth,

This letter shall serve as confirmation that the City of Woodland was allocated a total of \$38,000 in federal FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program funds for the purchase of SIMRAD Night Observation Devices. This amount includes \$35,000 for the devices themselves, \$2,700 for sales tax, and \$300 for shipping costs.

The Homeland Security Grant Program is administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS), which in turn has allocated funds to Yolo County, as a sub-grantee. The locally allocated funds are for use by appropriate agencies for eligible projects within the Yolo Operational Area, provided the projects are approved by an OA Approval Authority, as well as OHS. As required by OHS, the local Approval Authority consists of the Health Officer, a county Fire Chief, a municipal Fire Chief, the Sheriff, and a Chief of Police.

Funding for the Homeland Security grants is on a reimbursement basis. Your agency is expected to expend local funds, receive, accept, and maintain the funded items. Subsequently, a reimbursement claim is made to county OES, which after review, is forwarded to OHS for state approval. Once OHS approves and processes the claim and the check is received by the county, your agency's reimbursement will be processed.

If you have questions about the process, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

William M. Martin

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**QUOTATION**

DATE	SPA QUOTE NO.
7/29/2008	208288

AGENCY NAME / ADDRESS & CONTACT
WOODLAND POLICE DEPT. 1000 LINCOLN AVE. WOODLAND, CA. 95695 ATTN: GEORGE BIERWIRTH

TERMS	EXPIRATION	REP	FREIGHT	DEPT. QUOTE NO.
Net 30	8/28/2008	ATG	ORIGIN	Q-2801
MFG.MODEL / DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	TOTAL	
L-3 EOS 2124 (AN/PVS-24) CNVD IN-LINE NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICE * TUBE SPEC. GEN-3, OMNI-7, THIN FILMED, AUTO-GATED *	3	8,900.00	26,700.00	
MARS RAIL MOUNT	3	450.00	1,350.00	
SPA-DEFENSE (2124ARD) "KILLFLASH" ANTI-REFLECTIVE DEVICE	3	190.00	570.00	
SHIPPING & (UPS HI-VALUE) INSR.		103.80	103.80	
M2124 CNVD is a sole source product from SPA-Defense.			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,723.80</b>

Note: All prices are subject to change without notice by manufacturer and may be passed along to customer.