



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** September 24, 2013

**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Lori Clyde/854-4205

**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Cyd Grimes

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

**Agenda Language:** Approve Order Exempting the Purchase and Contract Award for Wireless Camera Systems at Area Hospitals to Assist With Safety During STAR Flight Operations with Securadyne Systems Texas, LLC from the Competitive Procurement Process Pursuant to Section 262.024 (A)(2) of the County Purchasing Act.

- **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

ITS recommends the approval of the exemption order and contract award for installation and services of the wireless camera systems for operational safety at the area hospital helipads.

With the potential for near-misses at area hospital helipads posing a serious safety concern, STAR Flight and area hospitals agreed to find a solution to better monitor and assist helicopters in landing safely. In the past, ITS worked with several vendors to develop a workable solution. Securadyne Systems LLC was instrumental in designing and making the complex wireless system work across multiple agencies across the STAR Flight coverage area. (Currently there are seven locations.) At this time, ITS recommends expanding the wireless camera systems to additional area hospital locations. ITS recommends utilizing Securadyne Systems for this expansion as they have the knowledge and expertise of working with Travis County and would create less confusion during an emergency as to which vendor to contact, if needed.

The current estimated budget for this project is \$60,000. The cost for each location is \$3,215 unless an alternative pole mount adapter is required. If the adapter is required the price will be \$3,400.

➤ **Contract Expenditures:** Within the last 12 months \$0.00 has been spent against this requirement.

➤ **Contract-Related Information:**

Award Amount: \$60,000 (estimated)

Contract Type: Installation and Services

Contract Period: September 24, 2013 – September 23, 2014

➤ **Solicitation-Related Information:**

Solicitations Sent: N/A

Responses Received:

HUB Information:

% HUB Subcontractor:

➤ **Special Contract Considerations:**

Award has been protested; interested parties have been notified.

Award is not to the lowest bidder; interested parties have been notified.

Comments: Exempt Procurement

➤ **Funding Information:**

Funds Reservation #: 300000690

Funding Account(s):

Comments:



Travis County Courthouse, Austin, Texas

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**Date: May 14, 2013**

**To: Cyd V. Grimes, C.P.M-Travis County Purchasing Agent**

**From: Tanya Acevedo, Interim Chief Information Officer** *TJA*

**Subj: Recommendation to Continue Services from Securadyne Systems for Cameras Systems at Area Helipads**

**Proposed Motion:**

*Approve public safety exemption with Securadyne Systems for installation and services for wireless camera systems at area hospital helipads to assist with safety during STAR Flight operations.*

**Summary and Staff Analysis:**

This contract provides for the installation and service of camera systems that aid in operations safety for Travis County STAR Flight Helicopters, and other helicopters using area hospital helipads. This is a complex installation and configuration entailing weather proof enclosures, wireless cards, cameras and other specialty equipment to allow connectivity back to the Combined Transportation and Emergency Command Center (CTECC) for monitoring by EMS command staff.

This request for a public safety exemption is for a one-year renewal with an additional one-year automatic renewal. The renewal is to maintain and install Wireless cameras systems as needed.

**Budgetary and Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact of this purchase for the first year is \$60,000:

\$45,000.00	(15 Helipad Cameras & Cables)	Cost Center 1128000001	G/L 510260
\$10,000.00	(Installation)	Cost Center 1128000001	G/L 511870
\$ 5,000.00	(Training)	Cost Center 1120140001	G/L 512020

**Issues and Opportunities**

With the potential for near-misses at area hospital helipads posing a serious safety concern, STAR Flight and area hospitals agreed to find a solution to better monitor and assist helicopters in landing safely. The cameras systems provided by Securadyne Systems allow for the monitoring of area hospital helipads without the extra complexity of dealing with multi-agency networks and network security issues. This also allows Travis County ITS to be sole control of systems rather than be concerned over who is responsible for the complex camera system. The current

vendor already has a working relationship with ITS and STAR Flight with regard to operational requirements for these cameras.

**Background:**

Seven wireless cameras systems have already been installed by Securadyne Systems along with one wired systems at Dell Children's Medical Center. ITS has also wired systems connected at the main STAR Flight Hanger and Brackenridge Hospital Helipad.

**The seven wireless systems are located at:**

1. Seton Medical Center, 1201 38<sup>th</sup> St. Austin Tx
2. Seton Williamson, 201 Seton Parkway, Round Rock, Tx
3. Seton Hays, 6001 Kyle Parkway, Kyle, Tx
4. St. David's Hospital Downtown, 919 East 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Austin, Tx
5. St. David's Hospital South, 901 W. Ben White Blvd, Austin, Tx
6. St. David's Hospital Round Rock, 2400 Round Rock Ave, Round Rock, Tx
7. St. David's Hospital Heart Hospital, 3801 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, Tx

IT is investigating the possibility of adding 16 more site to the existing network of cameras covering the area helipads.

**Required Authorizations:**

Legal: Tenley Aldredge, John Hille, County Attorney

Purchasing: Bonnie Floyd, Lori Clyde, Purchasing Department

Budget: Diana Ramirez, Katie Gipson, PBO

cc: Nicki Riley, County Auditor

Leslie Browder, County Executive for Planning and Budget

Randy Lott, Bruce Bates, Bruni Cruz, ITS

**ORDER EXEMPTING  
PURCHASE OF WIRELESS CAMERA SYSTEMS AT AREA HOSPITAL HELIPADS  
TO ASSIST WITH SAFETY DURING STAR FLIGHT OPERATIONS FROM  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Travis County has the authority to exempt the purchase of an item necessary to protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county from the competitive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act, LOC. GOV'T. CODE ANN.§ 262.024, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to purchase the wireless camera systems at area hospital helipads to assist with safety during STAR Flight operations from Securadyne Systems Texas, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the wireless camera systems at area hospitals helipads to assist with safety during STAR Flight operations are necessary to protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Travis County hereby orders that the purchase of the wireless camera systems at area hospital helipads to assist with safety during STAR Flight operations is exempt from the requirements of the County Purchasing Act for competitive bidding or proposal pursuant to, TEX. LOC. GOV'T. CODE ANN.§ 262.024(a)(2).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge  
Travis County, Texas

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Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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