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Subject: Authority to advertise with restrictive specifications for L-3 Mobile Vision In-Car Video Camera Systems

Gentlemen:

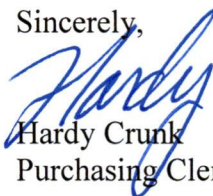
The Madison County Sheriff's Department is requesting to purchase additional L-3 Mobile Vision In-Car Video Camera Systems for use in patrol cars and additional Outdoor Access Point for transfer of video to the storage server.

The Sheriff's department currently uses an L-3 Mobile Vision In-Car Video Camera System in its patrol cars. In 2014, the County purchased an L-3 Mobile Vision server and back-up storage system, 31 L-3 Mobile vision in-car cameras, and outdoor wireless access point for transfer of video from the patrol cars to the server. The cost of this purchase was \$32,467.

The specifications must be restricted to the L-3 Vision Flashback 3 In-Car Video System and the L3 Outdoor Access Points for the equipment to be compatible with and operate with the Sheriff's Department's current equipment, which the County has considerable funds invested in.

I recommend that the board authorize advertising for one or more L-3 Mobile Vision Flashback 3 In-Car Video Camera Systems with accessories and peripheral equipment and L3 Outdoor Access Points.

Sincerely,

  
Hardy Crunk  
Purchasing Clerk

comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification be presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

**(v) Electronic Bids**

Agencies and governing authorities may establish secure procedures by which bids may be submitted via electronic means.

**(d) LOWEST AND BEST BID DECISION PROCEDURE**

**(i) DECISION PROCEDURE.**

**Notes - Best Bid Documentation Requirement – All Purchases  
- Only Low Bidder May Lower Bid A.G. 9/10/79, C. Ray Scales, Jr.**

*Freight  
& shipping  
in  
decision*

Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

**(ii) DECISION PROCEDURE FOR CERTIFIED PURCHASING OFFICES**