



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Information Services



Date: February 20, 2014
Board Meeting Date: March 25, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jon Walton, CIO/Director Information Services Department

Subject: Sale of San Mateo County's Decommissioned Radio Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the sale of a portion of San Mateo County's decommissioned radio communication equipment to Sunny Communications for the amount of \$13,325.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past three years the Information Services Department (ISD) has been in the process of replacing its outdated T-Band VHF Public Safety radio system with a newer P25 Public Safety communication system. As a result, the older, outdated, end-of-life equipment is being replaced with newer equipment in a phased approach. As each phase is completed the older equipment is warehoused. ISD is looking to sell the decommissioned equipment from each phase to generate funding for the new P25 Public Safety system. This will also make room for the equipment that will be received for the next phase of P25 Public Safety. The end-of-life radio equipment is not appropriate for public auction or sealed bid because it is technologically outdated and would likely only be bought for parts. By selling to Sunny Communications, the County has identified a unique buyer who will use the radio system intact and thus will purchase the equipment for a higher price.

DISCUSSION:

It is proposed that the County sell the first phase decommissioned radio communication equipment to Sunny Communications for \$13,325. This price was established as fair and reasonable by surveying resale vendors that may have been interested in the equipment and selecting the highest price. As each phase or batch of equipment becomes available ISD will survey vendors to establish a fair and reasonable value for the equipment.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds from the sale of the decommissioned radio communication equipment will be placed into the ISD Radio Communications budget to help offset the operating costs of the new P25 communication system. There is no Net County Cost.