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Memorandum

TO: Operation Committee

DATE: July 1, 2016

FR: Executive Director

W.I.: 6031

RE: Purchase Order – Call Box Radio Upgrades: Case Systems, Inc. (\$410,775)

This memorandum requests the Committee's approval to issue a purchase order on a sole source basis to Case Systems, Inc. (Case) for call box radio upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$410,775.

Background

In 2014, MTC SAFE's wireless network provider, Verizon Wireless, migrated the 2G network to 3G which rendered the existing call box radios incompatible. In response, MTC SAFE completed a task order under the Call Box Bridge Contract (Phase 1) to purchase 550 radio upgrade kits with 3G capabilities from Case to install on call boxes on bridges.

The 450 radio upgrade kits that are requested in this memorandum are to be purchased on a sole source basis and installed in the remaining 450 rural highway call boxes. This purchase will ensure continued reliability, consistency and cost efficiencies that are expected in having a uniform set of materials from a single vendor. Furthermore, Case is the current call box maintenance provider so there should be no issues in coordinating the installation of the radio units.

MTC SAFE contracted with Case on a sole source basis 19 years ago to manufacture and install call boxes because Case was the only manufacturer of call boxes. Since then, Case's scope of work has expanded to include the manufacturing, installation and repair of call boxes throughout the Bay Area. Case has the expertise and knowledge of call box systems and its past work has proven to be of high quality. Case is neither a small business nor a disadvantaged business enterprise and currently has no subcontractors.

Recommendation

For these compelling business reasons, staff recommends this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designated representative to issue a purchase order on a sole source basis to Case for call box radio upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$410,775.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Purchase Order

Work Item No.:	6031
Contractor	Case Systems, Inc. Irvine, CA
Work Project Title	Case Radio Upgrade
Purpose of Project:	The upgrade of call box radio modems.
Brief Scope of Work:	Manufacture and installation of C100 radio modem units that are capable of using Verizon's 3G network.
Project Cost:	\$410,775
Funding Source:	SAFE
Fiscal Impact:	Funding is included in the FY 2016-17 budget
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to issue a purchase order on a sole source basis to Case Systems, Inc. (Case) for call box radio upgrades as described above and in the Executive Director's memorandum dated July 1, 2016, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$410,775 for this purchase order.
Operations Committee:	<hr/> Scott Haggerty, Chair
Approved:	Date: July 8, 2016