



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: CA OES ICAC (INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN)
TASK FORCE GRANT – PURCHASE OF MOBILE FORENSIC
VEHICLE FROM LDV CUSTOM SPECIALTY VEHICLES

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The City Council previously approved a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Cal OES ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force subgrant in the amount of \$200,000 to procure a mobile forensic vehicle for the Salinas Police Department. It is recommended the City Council approve a resolution authorizing said purchase through LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles, 180 Industrial Drive, Burlington, WI 53105.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the City Council authorize the Salinas Police Department to sole source purchase a mobile forensic vehicle from LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Silicon Valley ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force Program is a task force that helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has awarded Internet Crimes Against Children grant funds to the City of San Jose. The City of San Jose has agreed to allocate a grant subaward to the City of Salinas in the amount of \$200,000 to procure a regional mobile forensic vehicle as part of the ICAC Task Force. The grant and vehicle will enhance the Police Department's investigative abilities and particularly those involving human trafficking, child sex exploitation, and internet crimes against children. Due to the highly specialized nature of the mobile forensic vehicle, there are no local vendors capable of fulfilling our order. According to the Silicon Valley and Fresno County ICAC Task Forces, as well as independent research, the only vendor capable of meeting our time and budget constraints is LDV Custom Vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

The Silicon Valley (San Jose PD) ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force Program is a task force organized under the aegis of the National ICAC Task Force. The program is currently composed of 61 regional Task Force agencies and is funded by the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The (ICAC) helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.

The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet and other technology, the proliferation of child sexual abuse images available electronically, and the heightened online activity by predators seeking unsupervised contact with potential underage victims. Because ICAC members understand that arrests alone cannot resolve the problem of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation, the ICAC program is also dedicated to training law enforcement officers and prosecutors, as well as educating parents and youth about the potential dangers of online activity.

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The mobile forensic vehicle shall be built to specifications and the total purchase price with equipment and installation shall not exceed \$200,000. According to the language in the subgrant, the Salinas Police Department must be in possession of the mobile forensic vehicle by December 31, 2020 or risk forfeiting the funds. Due to the extremely specialized nature of the proposed vehicle and the intricacies involved with its build, it can take up to 8-12 months to complete, therefore time is of the essence. Representatives from the Silicon Valley ICAC Task Force and Fresno County ICAC Task Force recommended procuring the mobile forensic vehicle from LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles, due to their high-quality products and adherence to the United States General Service Administration (GSA) purchasing guidelines. There are no local vendors capable of building a suitable vehicle to our specifications. The other out of state vendors contacted by the Task Forces were vastly over budget and unable to meet specific deadlines.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This action meets the Strategic Plan goal of Safe, Livable Community and specific objective to *Reestablish State and Federal Partnerships to Fight Crime in the City* by partnering with State

and Federal agencies to target criminal actors, particularly those involved in human trafficking, child sex exploitation, and internet crimes against children.

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION

The Police Department will coordinate with the Purchasing Division and LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles on the purchase of the vehicle, equipment and service, if approved by the City Council.

This project is part of an on-going collaborative law enforcement effort with local, state, and federal partners.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is a fiscal impact and recurring cost to the City of Salinas in terms of vehicle maintenance and yet to be determined vehicle registration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Council Resolution

Initial specifications for the proposed mobile forensic vehicle from LDV Custom Specialty Vehicle