

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF POLICE SERVICE DOG

SOURCE: Police Department

COMMENT: In August 2013, the City of Porterville retired Diago, one of the Department's police service dogs. Since that time, the Department has operated with two (2) service dogs. This leaves two of the four patrol shifts without an on-duty service dog.

Thorough research was recently completed by Department staff to find a replacement for Diago. It was determined that there is currently only one kennel in the State of California that provides a selection of police service dogs and the associated training in accordance with the needs of the Department. This vendor is the supplier of police service dogs to agencies throughout the state, including most of our surrounding agencies. This vendor, Adlerhorst International, Inc., was utilized by the Department in 2012 to purchase a police service dog and the Department has been extremely satisfied with the service provided.


The Department would like to enter into an agreement with Adlerhorst International, Inc. to acquire a service dog and necessary training for the dog and handler. This vendor provides a full guarantee against any congenital health defects for two years after date of purchase and additionally guarantees the dog for non-health service-related problems.

The total cost for the police service dog and related training is approximately \$14,568. POST will refund a portion of this cost when training is completed. The amount to be refunded is estimated to be approximately \$4,200 to cover the cost of the training. Funds for this purchase are available in the Asset Forfeiture Account of the current Police Department budget.

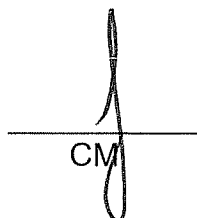
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of an additional service dog and related training from Adlerhorst International, Inc. utilizing funds from the Asset Forfeiture Account; and
2. Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with Adlerhorst International, Inc. to acquire the service dog and associated training.

ATTACHMENT: Quote from Adlerhorst International, Inc.


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Item No. 2

ADLERHORST INTERNATIONAL, INC.

3951 Vernon Avenue
 Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
 (951) 685-2430

QUOTE ONLY

Date
12/12/2013

Name / Address
Porterville Police Department 350 North D Street Porterville, CA 93257

			Project
Qty	Description	Cost	Total
1	Police Service Dog - German Shepherd or Malinois	9,600.00	9,600.00
1	Basic Handlers Course	4,200.00	4,200.00

All merchandise subject to California sales tax.

Subtotal	\$13,800.00
Sales Tax (8.0%)	\$768.00
Total	\$14,568.00