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Chief of Police



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TO: Patti McLauchlin, City Manager

FROM: Sean T. Brandenburg, Chief of Police

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DATE: November 15, 2021

RE: Authorize the purchase of 25 GETAC B360 Rugged Notebook Computers and 28 GETAC B360 In-Car Docking Stations for ongoing Police Department patrol/traffic unit in-car computer upgrades from PCN Strategies in the amount of \$103,249.75.

Action Statement:

This resolution authorizes the purchase of 25 GETAC B360 Rugged Notebook Computers from PCN Strategies at the cost of \$80,905.75, as the low quote vendor. As well as the purchase of 28 GETAC B360 In-Car Docking Stations from PCN Strategies at the cost of \$22,344.00, as the low quote vendor. This purchase is made pursuant to Ordinance 2-797(4)(b) and section 2-844(a).

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>
25	BM41Z4BAB8GX	GETAC B360	\$3,236.23	\$80,905.75
28	543390100503	GETAC B360 In-Car Docking Station	\$798.00	\$22,344.00
			TOTAL:	\$103,249.75

The Key West Police Department is purchasing 25 GETAC B360 ruggedized notebook computers and 28 GETAC B360 in-car docking stations pursuant to Ordinance Section 2-797(4) (b) and 2-844(a) as part of our ongoing technology update and enhancement program. This model will be deployed to patrol officers to replace aging units and better meet the demands of in field crash investigation and field reporting. This will be the eighth fiscal cycle these computers and their required docking stations have been purchased for the Police Department. The GETAC was chosen over the Panasonic Toughbook after extensive comparative field testing, feedback from the patrol officer user group, and



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recommendation by the City's IT department. These computers continue to meet or exceed the Police Department and the City IT department requirements for police in-car computers.

They are being purchased pursuant to Ordinance 2-797(4) (b). The quote from PCN Strategies reveals their price is competitive with two other reliable vendors that submitted attached quotes. (CDW-G and Connection) Furthermore, a check by the city's IT department of other authorized reliable vendors, local and otherwise, also priced this model significantly above the quoted price.

The purchase of these computers from PCN Strategies at the quoted prices is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the City of Key West and the Key West Police Department. It is not believed that a formal invitation to bid would result in a lower price per unit than the price being offered by PCN Strategies.

Background:

The City of Key West has a Technology Replacement Plan in place to ensure all technology at the various city locations is kept up to date. One of the goals of the plan is replacing hardware infrastructure that has met or exceeded technical obsolescence. Currently the Key West Police Department is still utilizing many 2015 GETAC B300 models that have reached the end of their useful and reliable service life. The B360 notebook has state-of-the-art processors (Intel Core i7), 4G LTE wireless, up to 15 hours of battery life, sunlight readable LCD + Touch Screen w/hard tip stylus and is built to withstand the most extreme conditions encountered in a law enforcement environment. The GETAC B360 has a 3-year all-inclusive warranty. The past GETAC B300 models are no longer available and have been replaced by the new B360 model. The GETAC B360 model requires a different docking station, requiring the purchase of the new docking stations in addition to the laptops.

The Key West Police Department purchased 17 GETAC's in FY13/14 to begin the upgrade and replacement process, 18 GETAC's in FY 14/15, 18 GETAC's in 15/16, 18 in FY 16/17 and 22 in FY 18/19 to continue the update process. There were none purchased in FY 17/18 or 20/21. This purchase will continue the ongoing update process.

Purpose and Justification:

Law Enforcement use of computer technology has expanded substantially over the past two decades. With the increasing power and diminishing costs of police specific computer applications, computer usage continues to increase in law enforcement agencies nationwide. These computers facilitate access to a vast array of police information technology.



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Electronic Incident/Crime Reporting, vehicle records, warrants, driving records, calls for service history, and interagency information sharing are just a few of these advantages.

Options:

One option is to purchase these computers and allow the Key West Police Department to keep pace with current and emerging computer applications in law enforcement. Another option is to forego the purchase of these computers and continue to use the aging GETAC B300 units that have exceeded their useful service life.

Financial Impact:

Funds for this purchase are included in the FY 21/22 Police budget in account #101-2101-521-6400, Infrastructure Surtax Machinery & Equipment.

Recommendation:

The Key West Police Department recommends the purchase of these computers from PCN Strategies and believes it is in the best interest of the City to do so.



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