

Donald J. Lee, Jr.

Chief of Police



Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

FROM: Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

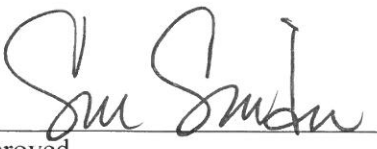
DATE: January 31st, 2017

RE: GETAC B300G6 Rugged Laptop Computer Purchase


Pursuant to Purchasing Code 2-844 relating to Brand Name Specifications, "Since use of a brand name specification is restrictive of product competition, it may be used only when the purchasing agent makes a written determination that only the identified brand name item will satisfy the City's needs."

In this case the Hewlett-Packard GETAC B300G6 Computer has been chosen by City of Key West Information Technology Department to best meet the needs of the Police Departments in-car rugged laptop computer requirements. This selection was made after the GETAC B300 and a Panasonic Toughbook, the computer then in use by the department, underwent extensive comparative field testing by our officers and the cities IT department. 17 GETAC's were purchased in FY13/14, 18 in FY 14/15 and 15/16. The GETAC is built to meet the extreme demands of police service and comes with a standard 5year warranty compared to Panasonics three year warranty.

Additionally, "The purchasing agent shall seek to identify sources from which the designated brand name item can be obtained and shall solicit sources to achieve whatever degree of price competition is practicable. This purchase is made pursuant to the provisions of section 2-797(4)(b), whereas "exceptional circumstances exist to exempt a purchase from the competitive bid requirements of this subdivision for the best interests of the city." Three qualified quotes for these computers were obtained by the cities IT department which revealed the prices to be fair and reasonable. It is not believed a formal invitation to bid would result in a lower price for these computers.


Approved,
Sue Snider, Purchasing Agent

1/31/17
Date


Approved
Mark Finigan, Finance Director

1/31/17
Date



RESPECT - INTEGRITY - FAIRNESS - SERVICE

Key West Police Department 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040 (305) 809-1111
www.keywestcity.com

