

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:** November 12th, 2014


**RE:** COBAN in-car Video Recording System

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."

Additionally, "The Purchasing Agent shall seek to identify sources from which the designated brand name item can be obtained and shall solicit such sources to achieve whatever degree of price competition is practicable. If only one source can supply the requirement, the procurement shall be made under the sole source procurement provisions of section 2-797(1).


In this case the COBAN brand of in-car video systems has been chosen as the next generation of in-car video systems to be used by the Key West Police Department. This selection was made after a several month long field test of the COBAN and Panasonic systems in 2011. 44 of these systems have been previously purchased by the Police Department. These units continue to meet or exceed the requirements of a police in-car video recording system for the Key West Police Department and the City of Key West Information Technology Department.

COBAN is the manufacturer and sole distributor/provider of their products and of the "Edge" in-car video recording system to be purchased by the Key West Police Department.



Approved, Sarah Spurlock  
Asst. City Manager

11/13/14  
Date



Approved, Sue Snider,  
Purchasing Agent

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