



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

**PURCHASE OF MOBILE DIGITAL COMPUTERS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT
REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER**
(Police Chief Paul LeBaron)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council authorize the purchase of 29 Mobile Digital Computers (MDCs), supporting hardware, and warranties from Code 3 Technology through a Cooperative Sourcewell Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$168,793.

Executive Summary:

The City of Hermosa Beach secured \$963,000 in federal funding to establish a Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) aimed at enhancing law enforcement response and community safety. The RTCC will integrate advanced technology including cameras, an operating platform, and MDCs, to provide real-time information for operations.

As an essential step in developing the RTCC, staff requests City Council authorization to procure 29 MDCs from Code 3 Technology, through a Cooperative Sourcewell Agreement.

Background:

With support from United States Representative Ted Lieu, the City of Hermosa Beach secured \$963,000 in federal funding to establish the RTCC, which will enable officers real-time access to critical law enforcement data. Once fully operational, the RTCC will enhance the Hermosa Beach Police Department's (HBPD) ability to respond swiftly and effectively to criminal activity. RTCC technology will include integrated digital cameras, an integrated operating platform, and hardware required to access real-time information.

A key RTCC component is the MDC system, which equips police vehicles with mobile computing capabilities. MDCs ensure seamless coordination during emergencies and daily operations by allowing officers to communicate with emergency dispatch operations, respond to calls of service, receive navigation assistance, and access essential information while in the field.

HBPD's current MDCs are outdated, lack integration capabilities with new software, and cannot be removed from patrol vehicles for use outside the car. Upgrading to modern MDCs would significantly improve field operations by providing officers with real-time data accessibility and mobility, allowing greater flexibility in responding to evolving situations.

Discussion:

Staff conducted thorough research on MDC procurement by similarly-sized police departments to identify the best option for HBPD. The City of Manhattan Beach, through a competitive Request for Proposals process, selected Code 3 Technology as its vendor for Getac Mobile Tablets in 2022 out of nine total responses to its solicitation. Other regional police departments, including Gardena, Fountain Valley, and West Covina have also contracted with Code 3 Technology for MDC solutions.

To ensure the selected MDCs meet operational needs, HBPD tested two Getac MDC demonstration units—one in a patrol vehicle and another in a parking vehicle—over a two-week period. The units demonstrated significant improvements in functionality, operational efficiency, and durability. Additionally, their portability allows officers to undock the MDC from the vehicle for enhanced usability in the field, improving report writing and investigative processes.

Procurement Approach

Staff recommends purchasing the new MDCs through a cooperative agreement with Sourcewell. Sourcewell, formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance, is a government agency service cooperative serving as a national municipal contracting agency, which establishes and provides nationally leveraged and competitively solicited contracts that can be utilized by member agencies. As a member agency of Sourcewell, the City of Hermosa Beach may utilize Sourcewell's competitively bid cooperative purchasing agreements to ensure competitive pricing and expedite the procurement process.

On September 1, 2022, Sourcewell issued a Request for Proposals for Law Enforcement Equipment, receiving 27 submissions. The selection committee evaluated each submission on its pricing, successes, marketing plan, warranty coverage, and selection and variety of products and services offered. Getac, Inc. was awarded a contract on November 9, 2022, set to expire on November 7, 2026 (**Attachment 2**). Code 3 Technology is an authorized reseller of Getac, under this Sourcewell contract (**Attachment 3**).

Per Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Section 3.12.140, purchases made through cooperative purchasing agreements, maintained by state, county, or other public agencies, are exempt from formal bidding procedures, allowing the City to expedite the procurement process while ensuring competitive pricing.

Deployment Plan

If approved, the 29 MDCs will be allocated as follows:

- 16 for police fleet vehicles
- 11 for Community Services fleet vehicles
- 2 reserved for command staff use to enhance RTCC oversight

MDCs form the foundational framework for the RTCC, supporting upcoming integrations such as security cameras, software systems, and an Automatic License Plate Reader network. These additional RTCC components will be presented to City Council for approval in future phases.

Environmental Review

This agreement has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and as such, is not a “project” subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 14 Cal. Code Regs Section 15378.

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendation have been evaluated for their consistency with the City’s General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

Public Safety Element

Goal 3. High quality police and fire protection services provided to residents and visitors.

Policies:

- **5.1 Crime deterrence.** Regularly evaluate the incidence of crime and identify and implement measures to deter crime.
- **5.2 High level of response.** Achieve optimal utilization of allocated public safety resources and provide desired levels of response, staffing, and protection within the community.
- **5.3 Use of Technology.** Provide and use smart surveillance technology and communication systems to improve crime prevention and inform the community regarding actions to take in case of emergency.

Fiscal Impact:

The Real-Time Crime Center CIP Project 685 is included in the FY 2024–25 Adopted Budget. The recommended purchase would be funded entirely by the secured federal grant.

Purchase Request		
Name	FY 2024-2025 Budget Dept. Account #	Total Amount
Code 3 Technology	150-8685-4201	\$168,793

Attachments:

1. Code 3 Technology—MDC Quote
2. Sourcewell Contract
3. Sourcewell Authorized List

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