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SHERIFF

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Mohammed Nuru  
Director of Public Works  
City Hall, Room 348  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Nuru:

Last year we declared an emergency to address the failure of the security systems and the control panels in the county jail known as County Jails #1 and #2.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) order 18313 and DPW Phase I Project 2603j addressed only the most urgent repairs. The initial phase was planned and completed. The sheriff's department continues to experience a compromised security system. General public knowledge of the specific extent of the security shortfalls along with the planning process should be considered "confidential" for security reasons. Although the facility can now generally "see and talk", many of the basic security functions of the facility are still not complete.

Industry standards for detention-grade security systems are proprietary custom engineered products. Sierra Detention Systems engineered, tested, and installed the new system based on engineering performance criteria by Alta Consulting Services (ACSI). The department cannot operate multiple "Proprietary Systems" and the system cannot practically be re-engineered by other vendors.

In general, Phase I provided a dedicated fiber-optic backbone throughout the facility; a new facility-wide intercom system; a new C-Pod security system; a new camera call-up system; and a starter camera recording system. Phase II repairs are funded this fiscal year and the final Phase III is slated for funding next fiscal year.

The projects will endeavor to replace the rest of the old security system: acquire a sheriff's department Facilities Security Electronics Master Plan from ACSI. ACSI will provide specific design criteria for each replaced system. The project will replace the duress alarm system and the most critical Central Control operation, as well as five more deputy stations (Pods A, B, D, E, & F); expand on the network capabilities;

add the facility low voltage security features to the system; provide a new door control system; and provide a new facility-wide camera system.

This is an emergency for the Sheriff's Department and I request a formal declaration of emergency in order to enter into a contract in the most expeditious manner to complete the repairs of the security systems at County Jails #1 and #2.

The contractor who began the repair project is Sierra Detention Systems, 1177 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601 and the professional services provider is Alta Consulting Services Inc., 2107 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, San Jose, CA 95131.

I am available to speak with you if you require additional information relative to this critical project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 554-7225.

Respectfully,

  
Vicki L. Hennessy  
Sheriff

cc: Undersheriff C. Koehler, Chief Deputy M. Freeman, Chief Deputy K. Gorwood, Daniel Santizo, Naomi Kelly. City Administrator, Jaci Fong, Director and Purchaser, Stacey Camillo, Contract Administration, DPW