



## Legislation Text

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### **EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FROM COVERTTRACK GROUP, INC. FOR THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Staff Contact: Rick St. John, Interim Police Chief

#### **Purpose and Recommended Action**

This is request for City Council to authorize the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the purchase of devices and airtime from CovertTrack Group, Inc. for the Glendale Police Department. This purchase combined with previous purchases from Covert Track Group, Inc. this fiscal year equal an amount exceeding the \$50,000 expenditure authority limit to any single vendor and therefor requires Council approval.

#### **Background**

CovertTrack Group, Inc. is a surveillance solutions company specializing in GPS tracking and covert surveillance technology for law enforcement. The Special Investigations Unit of the Glendale Police Department began using CovertTrack Group, Inc. in September 2009 because the company's product line best met the needs of the department. No other manufacturer produces the same equipment with the same capabilities that includes the exclusive web-based tracking capabilities.

#### **Analysis**

If the requested action is approved by Council, the Glendale Police Department will purchase additional devices and necessary airtime used by detectives in the course of their investigations. All of the existing equipment utilized by the Glendale Police Department is manufactured, maintained, and administrated by CovertTrack Group, Inc. If the Glendale Police Department were to change to a different vendor, the cost would rise substantially, as the hardware and software are proprietary. Materials Management has reviewed and approved the Special Procurement Request submitted by the Glendale Police Department. Staff is requesting Council authorize the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 from CovertTrack Group, Inc.

#### **Budget and Financial Impacts**

Funds for this purchase are available in accounts listed below.

Cost	Fund-Department-Account
\$25,000	1840-33231-518200, HIDTA WVDETF
\$5,000	1860-32030-518200, State RICO

Capital Expense? No

Budgeted? Yes

Requesting Budget or Appropriation Transfer? No

If yes, where will the transfer be taken from?