



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

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Approve a contract with American Alarm Co., Inc. of Antioch in the amount of \$622,300 to replace the fire alarm system at the Law and Justice Building in Fairfield; and Authorize the General Services Director to sign all project-related agreements and any modifications/amendments that fall within the established budget

Published Notice Required? Yes  No   
Public Hearing Required? Yes  No

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of General Services recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve a contract with American Alarm Co., Inc. of Antioch in the amount of \$622,300 to replace the fire alarm system at the Law and Justice Building in Fairfield; and authorize the General Services Director to sign all project-related agreements and any modifications/amendments that fall within the established budget.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Project consists of removal of the existing fire alarm system and replacing it with new distributed addressable fire detention and alarm system at the Fairfield Law and Justice building. The bid process was initiated on August 25, 2014 and the Project was advertised to the open marketplace as required by Public Contract Code. A total of 4 bids were received by the stipulated deadline of October 9, 2014. The bid evaluation process is complete and General Services is recommending that the Board approve an Agreement in the amount of \$622,300 with American Alarm Co., Inc. of Antioch (Attachment A) as the lowest responsible bidder to replace the fire alarm system at the Fairfield Law and Justice Building. American Alarm Co., Inc.'s bid includes a local subcontractor from Benicia for elevator work.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This project is budgeted in the FY2014/15 Adopted Accumulated Capital Outlay Budget (BU 1674). There is no General Fund Impact.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Notice to Bidders for the Project was advertised in local newspapers and the construction documents were placed in four regional plan rooms for review by prospective bidders covering Solano-Napa, Sacramento, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties. The Notice to Bidders was also posted on the County website and a link to the County's website with the Notice to Bidders was issued to firms in the Division of Architectural Services database and Uniform Construction Costs Accounting Act (UCCAA) Informal Bidders Lists of General Contractors who have expressed an interest in working with Solano County. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference was held on September 9, 2014 with 11 firms in attendance. Two Addendums were issued responding to contractors' Requests for Information (RFI) and bids were received and publicly opened on October 9, 2014. A total of four bids were received (Attachment B).

Based upon the bid analysis and evaluation process, County staff recommends that the construction contract be awarded to American Alarm Co., Inc. of Antioch in the amount of \$622,300 and that contractual signing authority be delegated to the General Services Director for project-related contracts, modifications, and

amendments that fall within the established project budget.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The Board could reject the bids. This action is not recommended since the replacement of the fire alarm system is needed.
2. The Board could choose to postpone or re-bid the Project. This action is not recommended since the bid process was conducted in conformance with Public Contract Code. Re-bidding the Project would increase the overall project costs and delay implementation of the Project.
3. The Board could elect to not delegate contractual signing authority to staff during construction. This action is not recommended because it would increase complexity of contract administration and potentially increase the project cost and duration since necessary project actions may not coincide with the Board's meeting schedule.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Representatives from the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Resource Management, Building and Safety Division, in conjunction with the consultant firm of Stanton Engineering of Sacramento, participated in the development of construction documents, bidding, and the contract award process. County Counsel provided legal guidance and approved the proposed Agreement as to form.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**