

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
ACTING AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

**ORDER NO. 04-099**

Approving a Four Month Exemption from the Competitive Bid Process to Purchase "First Choice" Ballistic Vests from Hammars Uniforms

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. The Board, acting as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board to review, pursuant to PCRB Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4), a request from the Sheriff's Office for a four month exemption from the formal competitive bid process to purchase "First Choice" ballistic vests from Hammars Uniforms.
- b. The Sheriff's Office determined that First Choice Ballistic Vests are superior to other brands offering the best, most cost effective protection and features to their personnel. First Choice offers a ballistic vest with features especially suited to the needs of MCSO.
- c. The Sheriff's Office has undertaken an aggressive training and equipping program to protect its employees working in specialized areas, it is important the Sheriff's Office have the ability to continue purchasing vests during this bid period. The Sheriff's Office has determined its currently contracted vendor does not offer the equipment identified as superior through a workgroup process recently conducted, therefore during this 4-month period, the Sheriff's Office will undertake a formal bid process.

This procurement method is utilized because Hammars Uniforms is the sole source provider in Oregon (see attached letter).

Cost savings are associated with training and equipping MCSO employees to avoid serious injuries or death. Total purchases over a four month period are estimated to be \$80,000.

- d. This exemption request is in accord with the requirements of Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4).

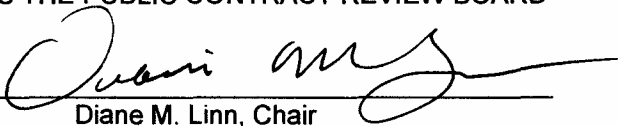
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:**

The exemption from the formal competitive bid process to purchase "First Choice" ballistic vests from Hammars Uniforms for four months is approved.

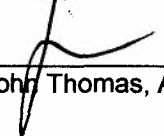
ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2004.



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