Sacramento Public Library Authority

May 28, 2009

Agenda Item 6.10: Purchase Contract: RFID Equipment - Valley Hi-North Laguna Library

TO: **Sacramento Public Library Authority Board Members**

FROM: **Gerry Calderón, Information Technology Manager**

RE: **Purchase Contract: RFID Equipment – Valley Hi-North Laguna Library**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. **Approve** purchase contract with EnvisionWare, Inc. for the purchase of Radio Frequency Identification hardware and software for an amount not to exceed $79,900, contingent upon approval of a Memorandum of Understanding by the City of Sacramento City Council to reimburse the Library for these costs for the project.

2. **Authorize** the Library Director to sign all documents related to this contract within the approved terms, contingent upon approval of a Memorandum of Understanding by the City of Sacramento City Council to reimburse the Library for these costs for the project.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Following the successful implementation and use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) equipment at the Elk Grove library, the new Valley Hi/North Laguna Library is being equipped with this new technology to give customers the ability to checkout materials with greater ease.

Customer and staff feedback at Elk Grove has been positive, and has enhanced customers' experience with this technology.

EnvisonWare will provide hardware for self-check stations and work area computers for staff to check books in. RFID security gates are also going to be provided. The process to tag items as they circulate through the Valley Hi/North Laguna branch will be continued, and the dual bar code/RFID capability will be maintained.

This is a sole source purchase justification requiring a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. EnvisonWare is the only supplier of RFID tags and equipment with no other authorized reseller.

The City of Sacramento has a project requirement to purchase Information Technology software and hardware for the Valley Hi/North Laguna Project Library. There is $400,000 in the City of Sacramento project budget for new computer related items for this library, including RFID tags and equipment.

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