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Subject: Police Squad Car Laptop Replacement

The FY2008 budget has funding for the replacement of the police department squad car laptops. The replacement program established a three year change out schedule for these laptops. The current laptops were purchased in April 2004 and September 2004. These laptops are approximately 3 ½ to 4 years old now. The 3 year warranties have expired. I.T. is starting to experience more hardware problems with these laptops. One of the major problems is that the screens are blurring and hard to read due to all the use. These are touch screens with semi-protective covers on them; however the screens are becoming unreadable. The screens are the most expensive part on a laptop and to replace the screens would cost about two thirds the costs of new laptops that include 3 year warranties.

I.T. has received three quotes for the replacement of these laptops: \$127,294.00, \$125,321.15 and \$123,120.00.

IT and the Police Department are jointly recommending a contract be awarded to CDS Office Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$123,120 for the replacement of 35 police squad car laptops. CDS Office Technologies is the vendor that currently has the state contract for these laptops (State contract number CMC903266C), and the pricing received is less than the state contract pricing.