

CITY OF WOODBURY, MINNESOTA

Office of City Administrator

Council Letter No. 03 –

March 12, 2003

The Honorable Mayor

And

Members of the City Council

City of Woodbury

Council Members:

Subject: Purchase of dTective Video Clarification System from Ocean Systems

BACKGROUND

The police department routinely collects surveillance videotapes from retailers for evidentiary purposes. It is necessary to print still photos from these videotapes so that we may share the suspect's photo with other agencies. Using a law enforcement distribution list, we email these photos to approximately 300 investigators simultaneously. This has led to identification and apprehension of numerous otherwise unknown suspects. We currently rely on other police departments to print the photos for us. The purchase of this video clarification system will allow us to print these photos "in-house".

Funds in the amount of \$15,169 were allocated for this purchase during the 2003 budget process.

We received a bid from Unilux, Ltd for the Mirage 2000 Digital Image Processing System for \$14,331 and a bid from Ocean Systems for the dTective Video Clarification System for \$11,874. Ocean Systems is known as a leader in the industry and staff feels that this system best suits our needs. Other local agencies using dTective Video Clarification System from Ocean Systems include Minneapolis P.D., MN BCA, Hennepin County Attorney's Office and Target stores.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolutions authorizing the purchase of dTective Video Clarification System from Ocean Systems for \$11,874.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry P. Johnson

City Administrator

By: Chris Murray

Through: William F. Hering

Public Safety Director/

Police Chief

Attachments: Resolution