

**Section A
For Publication**

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE
DECISION RECORD**

Request for PCC Decision	Received in OPCC Date: 4 February 2013	OPCC Ref: 15/13
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Title: Single Tender Waiver: Purchase of Telephone equipment

Executive Summary: To be completed by PCC Specialist lead

General background information to the purchasing of specific telephone examination equipment taken from a trial that had been completed on B Division was detailed within the report.

Approval for a single tender Waiver for the purchase of telephone examination equipment was requested.

Decision

Resolved that

To approve the single tender waiver for the purchase of telephone examination equipment.

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

Signature *Electronically Signed*

Date 6 February 2013

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published **No**

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred **No**

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature

Electronically Signed

Name Phil Harper

Date: 06/02/13

DECISION REPORT – NOT FOR PUBLICATION

6 FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

SINGLE TENDER WAIVER: ACESO TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for a single tender waiver for the purchase of Telephone examination equipment.

2. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The general background to the purchasing of the equipment comes from a trial that has been completed on B Division. The pilot has highlighted the major efficiencies that the equipment brings to examination of technical devices
- 2.2 The ACESO has been in force since October 2012. As a snap shot I have looked at the performance data that has been produced by Radio Tactics the supplier and over a six week period the equipment supported just under 250 telephone examinations.
- 2.3 The majority of these examinations were completed whilst the suspect was still in custody providing vital evidence to support charging decisions at a far earlier stage of the criminal investigation. This would usually take in the region of 6 months to complete with the current regime and demands within the Hi Tech Crime unit.
- 2.4 At present as a force we do not utilise any form of triage equipment for phone examinations, this risk posed by this is that offenders are usually placed on bail for a significant amount of time for an examination to be completed. Suspects will undoubtedly carry on their criminal activities during this period placing the wider public at risk from their activity. This is equipment is vital to giving a “there and then” snap shot of evidence to support investigations in a timely manner.
- 2.5 The benefits of the equipment were discussed at the recent Intelligence Development Project Board and a decision was made by ACC Cotterill to facilitate the purchase of further equipment to support frontline BCU officers and investigations.
- 2.6 It should be noted that this equipment is not just for technical devices obtained from offenders or suspects in custody but can be utilised for serious and complex investigations such as child abuse investigations, missing person and crime in action enquiries most of which take a significant amount of resources to investigate.

- 2.7 The company has confirmed that the product we are purchasing will be supported with updated software as technology moves on over the next three years, this is included within the attached quotation.
- 2.8 It is essential that, as technology moves on, Derbyshire will have the equipment to support examinations of new devices as they come on line, which to some extent will put the organisation in front of the criminals that we face on a day to day basis.
- 2.9 Whilst the expenditure request is a significant amount of money in these times of austerity, the resource efficiency and the swifter justice that can be achieved from the suspect coming into custody and being convicted at court will be a significant development for the force.
- 2.10 The efficiency savings that this equipment brings should not be underestimated. It will bring swifter justice by obtaining earlier charging decisions and has secured convictions through early guilty plea's at court. Officers are not waiting for a considerable amount of time between submission and results of examinations. There is also a major saving of officer and police staff time through travel and being away from frontline duties whilst delivering equipment to the Hi Tech Crime Unit.
- 2.11 It is proposed to purchase of a further 4 ACESO Kiosks. The current one at Buxton will come in line with the new purchase and the support for all five will be in place for the next 3 years.
- 2.12 At present there is no other equipment of this standard with this support on the market. The nearest rival is an XRY system but this is some way off completion.
- 2.13 ACESO is used by Thames Valley, Hampshire, MET and West Yorkshire are in the process of obtaining the equipment There are many more using the equipment in the UK and worldwide. To name a few it is used by Canada, Jamaica and Australia. The United States Department of Defence also use the equipment.
- 2.14 Due to the number of forces using this ACESO it has been through the legal process and I am unaware of any challenges against the evidence that has been produced by the equipment.
- 2.15 The total value of the equipment is £96,440 plus VAT and it is intended that this is funded from previous carry forward monies within Crime Support.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. To approve the single tender waiver for the purchase of ACESO telephone examination equipment from Radio Tactics.

4. IMPLICATIONS

All implications are assessed and scored to the table below.

HIGH – supporting explanation and narrative required and to be contained within the report

MEDIUM – narrative to be contained within the report at the discretion of the author

LOW – no narrative required

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Crime & Disorder			X
Environmental	X		
Equality & Diversity	X		
Financial		X	
Health & Safety	X		
Human Rights	X		
Legal		X	
Personnel	X		

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Quotation No: 1902 – 3 years fully supported (Revised)
Quotation Date: 30th January 2013

Qty	Order Code	Item	
4	ACE-K	ACESO capability as per original Buxton quotation	£39,940.00
		Complete with: 5000 Handset Access Cards 1 years Service and Support 4 Consecutive Training Days/ 40 Trained Operators	
5	ACE-TR	5 Consecutive Training Days - max 10 persons per day	£13,750.00
		To include: Certified Training for up to 50 Certified Operators Date and Venue TBC at a central location - Q2 2013 50 Operator Keycards and Certificates	
			£53,690.00
2 Additional Years Service and Support and HAC costs			
5	ACE-S&S	Service and Support & Maintenance	
		5 Aceso Units x 2 years Quarterly software, cable and peripheral updates Telephone and email support. Access to support website	
5	AS-01	Analysis Suite Software Packages - 5 Locations	
15000	RT-HAC	Handset Access Cards - up to maximum 15000	
		To be drawn down as required over 3 years sustainment contract	
Service, Support and HAC Costs for years Years 2 & 3			£42,750.00
Total 3 Year Solution Cost			£96,440.00

PLEASE NOTE:

The increased number of Handset Access Cards (3000 additional) is subject to receipt of the official Purchase Order dated 31st January 2013
To deliver training by the end of February will require confirmation of purchase by January 31st 2013.
Our standard training days are charged at £3500. The training above is quoted at the discounted rate of £2750 per day.
Buxton Aceso Unit – S & S contact will be extended to align with the 4 additional units at no extra cost.
All Prices exclude VAT.