September 3, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees

FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President

RE: Department of Transportation – Law Enforcement Initiative

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Law Enforcement Initiative desires to award products from the following companies to various agencies for traffic safety efforts by size and type:

- American Signal Company $51,684
- Laser Technologies $69,495

The products purchased from these companies will be awarded to outstanding law enforcement agencies at the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge dinner in December.

American Signal is a national company that produces large changeable message boards (CMS-GP432/T and CMS-GP232/T) that display traffic safety messages that can be both trailer and truck mounted. The products selected were chosen to be compatible with existing equipment used by local law enforcement agencies in Florida.

Laser Technologies is a national company that produces laser and accident-mapping equipment for law enforcement agencies. The products selected were chosen to be compatible with existing equipment used by local law enforcement agencies in Florida. These items will be used by law enforcement agencies in the line of duty. Three of the items, the LTI 20-20 Ultryte LR Laser, the Pocket Zone Kit, and Mapstar Angle Encoder can be combined to create a complete accident mapping system. In addition each item can be used independently for specific purposes related to crash scene investigation or the detection of motorist speed in high traffic areas. The LTI 20-20 Ultryte LR B is a laser device that is used to determine motorist speed and cannot be detected with radar detection devices sold on the market currently.

The choice to purchase the products produced by American Signal and Laser Technologies was made by a group of local law enforcement agency personnel and the program director from the Department of Transportation who is responsible for the grant. The group determined the agencies selected to receive this equipment currently had other equipment from these companies and needed to standardize the equipment.
The TCC purchasing department has reviewed the selection of these companies and products and has determined that these purchases would be exempt from the competitive bid process per Rule 6A-14.0734 (2)(h); a single source procurement for purposes of economy or efficiency in standardization of materials and equipment.

Staff Resource: Glendon Forgey

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contracts as requested.