

APPENDIX 1



Explanations of SBI Equipment and Grant Match Reports

Explanation of Requests:

Clandestine Laboratory Response Vehicle

The SBI has received \$100,000.00 from the US Attorney's Office in the Middle District of NC for a Clandestine Lab/Terrorism Response Vehicle. The price quote received from the vendor was for \$ 105,219.00. The SBI will need asset forfeiture funds to pay this cost overrun (\$ 5,219.00) the NC sales tax (\$ 7,365.00), \$ 8,000.00 for MDT modems, software and cables, and an additional \$ 10,107.00 to install police radios and antennas on this vehicle.

Matching Funds for the SBI DNA Expansion Project

The SBI has received a \$ 552,300.00 grant award from the Governor's Crime Commission to purchase equipment and supplies to support the 7 new positions created to work rape cases without suspects and to reduce the backlog of an estimated 20,000 untested rape cases. Seven new positions were approved at the last Governmental Operations Meeting, and three agent positions were converted within the SBI Laboratory for this purpose. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 138,075.00

Matching Funds for the SBI Video Throw Phone Project

The SBI has requested a \$ 144,00.00 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission to purchase a video throw phone for each District Office. These phones will be used by Crisis Negotiators and tactical officers in viewing the subject and area inside the barricaded environment. The SBI will match 10% of the grant, totaling \$ 14,400.00.

Matching Funds for the SBI SAFIS Project

The SBI has received a grant award from the Governor's Crime Commission for \$ 284,192.00 in FY 2003 and \$ 7,396.00 in FY 2004 to purchase a turn-key server and software that can convert the ANSI/NIST format information from fingerprint collections to an xml format so that it can be uploaded directly to Computerized Criminal History (CCH) files. The only alternative to completion of this project will be to enter the data by hand, resulting in delays of months instead of seconds in updating CCH files. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 71,048.00 in FY 03 and \$ 1,849.00 in FY 04.

Matching Funds for the SBI Toxicology Project

The SBI has requested a \$ 20,000.00 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program to provide specialized training for the 4 agents assigned to the Toxicology Section of the Crime Lab. This training will allow the analysts to have a certificate in Forensic Toxicology, which will greatly enhance their court testimony. Submissions from DWI and DUI cases have risen by 40 % over the previous year. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 5,000.00.

Matching Funds for the SBI Child Sexual Assault Project

The SBI has requested second year funding for a \$ 100,00.00 grant from the Governor's Crime Commission to fund a contract technician in the Molecular Genetics Section to assist agents in processing cases involving child victims of sexual assault as a priority. A second contract position will coordinate the training for 23 agents selected to be Child Sexual Assault Investigators. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 25,000.00.

CALEA Accreditation

The SBI is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We are being inspected in August, 2003 and funds are needed to pay for the cost of this inspection, travel expenses for the assessors, and other expenses associated with the accreditation process. Accreditation costs this year will be approximately \$ 30,000.00

Homeland Security Overtime

The SBI has requested \$ 168,268.91 from the COPS Program of the US Department of Justice in overtime funding to overtime costs associated with training of agents and homeland security assignments. The SBI will match 25% of the grant, totaling \$ 42,067.23.

Law Enforcement Equipment

The SBI would like to equip 75 agents assigned to the field Division with semi-automatic AR15 rifles identical to those issued to the State Highway Patrol. The SBI plan is to eventually equip all field agents with rifles, but will have to proceed in batches as funding becomes available.

The SBI would like to purchase 10 - 800 MHZ radios compatible with the State Highway Patrol's system for agents in Wake and Guilford Counties assigned to specialized task forces.

The Crime Search Specialists and Arson agents have outdated cameras (that are constantly needing maintenance and repair) to record scenes they process. Film costs are very high, and our Photo Lab has converted to using digital processing systems, so these new cameras will pay for themselves in film costs in several years. The price quoted for these digital cameras include flash, lens, cases, memory cards and battery chargers.

The Crime Scene Search Specialists have requested computer software that will help them to produce court quality and professional diagrams of crime scenes that are to scale and show the items of evidence relevant to their investigation.

The SBI currently has 38 new agents assigned to the Field Division entering the Academy this year who are not assigned a laptop computer. Our plans are to issue these computers during the academy and train agents in their use, so that when they reach the field they can use this valuable tool to receive and distribute reports, and obtain access to Bureau and DCI databases.

The SBI is requesting authority to purchase 2 radiation detectors for each district to provide greater safety for agents working post-blast scenes. The specter of dirty bombs being detonated to kill and sicken emergency responders who can neither see, feel, or smell the radiation is driving this request.

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The SBI has 48 new agent trainees assigned to the Field and Laboratory Divisions that need Bulletproof Vests. In order to function properly, each agent will have to be properly fitted with their vest.

Bomb Suits

The SBI currently has two bomb suits that are 15 years old for 4 bomb technicians. These suits are to be replaced every 7 years, and we can no longer ensure the safety of technicians using these older, heavier, and outdated suits. The SBI bomb squad is increasing in size to 7 technicians and these three suits are intended for use by all 7 agents.

Development of Integrated Databases

The SBI is developing a request for quote (rfq) for a new, integrated computer databases that will link the SBI 's Intelligence, Field Case Reporting Management System, the Laboratory's Information Management System, and the Administrative Office of the Courts into a system that is easily searched and provides for paperless transfer of documents. The current laboratory and field case record management systems are old technology that is slow, no one in the agency can write code to upgrade the software, and they have not lived up to their potential. Both software databases are approaching 10 years old. The concept we are looking for is to develop databases that can be searched from a single platform, that can interchange data without paper, and provide greater access for agents. Under our current system, when the lab issues a report to an agent, they mail that agent a paper report. The agent then dictates a report of the lab's findings and sends that tape to a clerical pool where a hard copy report is generated and mailed back to that agent. The agent then reviews the report he drafted, attaches the lab report to it and mails it back to the same clerical pool to be filed. The new system will handle all the reports electronically. In addition, the databases we currently have are incompatible and can not be searched from a single platform. In order to make sure that the software we purchase can be fully integrated, we must develop a solid rfq first.