# Orange County Security Guard Contract

# August 28, 2012

- Security Services in the 80's and 90's were mainly in the Courthouses
- One nighttime security employee
- Significant Issues with performance of contracted security service
  - Low Pay
  - Lack of Training
  - Frequent Staff Turnover

- We recognized the need for improvements and in early 2001 we modified the RFP
  - Required minimum pay rates for various levels of guards
  - Required training at each guard level
  - Required training for different tasks

- 9-11 Occurred significantly changing our security posture
  - Increased number of locations
    - Additional buildings/structures
    - Additional patrols
  - Added additional equipment
  - Added additional staff to contract

- Hired Wackenhut Now G4S Secure Solutions USA, Inc.
  - Employee retention improved
  - Good training program
  - Advancement from within
  - Immediate response to issues

Held County-wide contract
 until March 2012

- In 2011 the Board discussed security costs on several occasions
  - At the request Commissioner Edwards we were asked to significantly decrease our costs
- We issued an IFB for 5 Lots
  - Lot # 1 Courthouses, JJC, Admin. Center
  - Lot # 2 Corrections Complex

• Lot # 5

- Lot # 3 Juvenile Assessment Center
- Lot # 4 Utilities Facilities
  - Other County Facilities (IOC I, Barnett Park, History Center, Medical Clinic, Health Clinic, Health Services Building,

**Convention Center)** 

- We qualified a number of firms
- We chose the low bidder for each lot
  - Lot # 1 Jenkins Security Consultants, Inc.
  - Lot # 2 G4S Secure Solutions USA, Inc
  - Lot # 3 Allied Barton
  - Lot # 4 Excelsior Defense, Inc.
  - Lot # 5 Jenkins Security Consultants, Inc.
- We have no problems on Lots 2,3, & 5
- We have had issues on Lots 1 & 4

- Over the last 11 years we have modified our security presence in certain areas
- Two areas that still have the highest security priority
  - Courthouse
  - Water/Wastewater facilities



- Courthouse is our most secure facility
- Every visitor is screened
- Imperative that security company provide trained guards in sufficient numbers to insure speedy yet secure entry to the Courthouse



- Jenkins Security Consultants, Inc. had serious deficiencies that compromised the Courthouse
- We received complaints from Chief Judge Perry and Sheriff Demings



- Staff, the Sheriff's Office and Court Administration worked diligently with Jenkins to correct deficiencies to no avail
  - Improper Screening
  - Insufficient screening lines open
  - Insufficient staffing and training



- Courthouse was removed from Jenkins contract on August 12, 2012
- As there were no significant issues with the remainder of Lot 1 they retained those facilities



- With only 48 hours notice, G4S was activated under the terms of their State Contract to provide security services for the Courthouse
  - Staff up
  - Train



# **Utilities Security**

- Water and Wastewater Facilities
  Essential Infrastructure
- Heightened security since 9-11
- Vulnerability Assessments required
- Security breeches must be reported to Homeland Security



# **Utilities Security**

- Excelsior Defense, Inc. had unsatisfactory performance
  - Unmanned posts
  - Failure to perform patrol per post orders
  - Unauthorized individuals discovered on water plant by County employees
  - Vehicle not compliant with County contract
  - Security Guards not properly trained
  - Slow response from management in resolving issues



# **Utilities Security**

- Contract with Excelsior will be terminated for convenience at midnight, August 30, 2012
- We had the time to solicit quotations from three firms under contract with the State
- Quote from G4S is deemed to be the best for the County



#### Summary

- Problems of the 80's and 90's have resurfaced
- Providing the best security service is almost always not the cheapest
- The need for competent, effective, reliable security services at the courthouse and at our water & wastewater facilities is imperative



Approval of Purchase Order M59441, **Courthouse Complex Security Guard** Services in the estimated amount of \$691,995.50 and approval of Purchase Order M59537, Utility **Department Security Guard Services**, in the estimated amount of \$523,712.82 to G4S Secure Solutions USA, Inc. under State of Florida Contract 991-380-10-1 for a period of six months

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