

## Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

October 19, 1998

FROM:

**CITY MANAGER** 

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF ONE NEW BAUER AIR COMPRESSOR** 

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to Bauer Compressors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$43,436.17 for the purchase of one (1) respiratory breathing air compressor recharging station. The proposed purchase is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

It is also recommended that the City Council grant this purchase an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) 4.09.060(C) contracts for which the City's bests interests are served.

## BACKGROUND

The Pasadena Fire Department utilizes self-contained breathing apparatus for rescue operations. These apparatus utilize purified air contained in cylinders. When empty, these cylinders are recharged by a city-owned respiratory breathing air compressor recharging station, currently located at fire station 33. This equipment is eighteen (18) years old and has reached the end of its useful lifecycle. The equipment is subject to frequent breakdown and is no longer cost-efficient to operate.

In February of 1998, the Los Angeles County Fire Department undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase of three (3) respiratory breathing air compressor-recharging stations. As a result of the bid process, the County awarded a contract to Bauer Compressors, Inc. Bauer Compressors has offered to extend to the City of Pasadena the same pricing/discount for the purchase or a single unit that was provided to L. A. County for its purchase of its three units.

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Were the City to undertake its own bid process for the purchase of a single recharging station, it would be unlikely that it would yield a price as low as that currently being offered by Bauer Compressors, Inc. The price being offered by Bauer Compressors, Inc., is approximately \$4,700 less than the list price.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$43,436.17 are available for use in account #702266; fire station 33 account.

Respectfully submitted,

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