

Agenda Report

To: City Council

Date: November 19, 2001

From: City Manager

Subject: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ROTOR-TECH INTERNATIONAL, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$49,000, TO REPLACE THE MAIN ROTOR BLADES ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BELL JETRANGER HELICOPTER.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract not to exceed \$49,000 to Rotor-Tech International for the purchase of two main rotor blades for the Police Department Bell 206BIII Jetranger Helicopter. The proposed purchase order 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.
2. It is further recommended that the proposed purchase order be granted an exemption from the Competitive Selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to P.M.C. Section 4.09.060 (contracts for which the best interests are served).

BACKGROUND

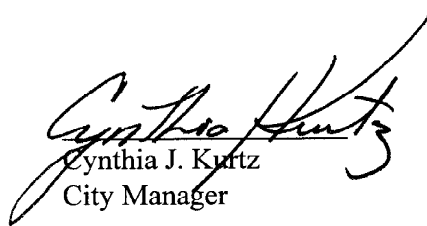
The Police Department currently operates a Bell 206BIII JetRanger helicopter. The main rotor blades have a specified service life of 5,000 flight hours, at which time they must be replaced. The main rotor blades will reach this service limit in the near future. By Federal Aviation Agency requirements, only main rotor blades manufactured by Bell Helicopter- Textron may be used on the aircraft. Bell Helicopter- Textron requires that parts they manufacture be sold only through authorized Bell Helicopter Service Centers. Rotor-Tech International, in Stockton, CA., is a Bell Helicopter- Textron Authorized Service Center and as such is a vendor for the main rotor blades.

Rotor-Tech International, Stockton, CA., is a vendor for the Department of Defense, Los Angeles County, the City of Sacramento, Tuolumne County, and other government agencies. The Department of Defense undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase and repair of main rotor blades. As a result of the bid process the Department of Defense awarded a contract to Rotor-Tech International. Rotor-Tech International has offered to extend the same contract pricing to the City of Pasadena. Were the city to undertake a competitive bidding process it is highly unlikely that we would be able to obtain a better price. Consequently, it is in the best interest of the city to take advantage of this opportunity.

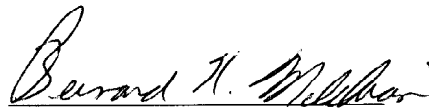
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds were provided for in the FY 2002 Operating Budget, Special Projects Account 402410, LA IMPACT.

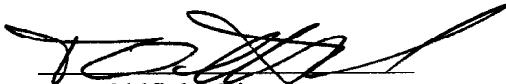
Respectfully Submitted,


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