

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

DATE: April 15, 2002

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to issue a purchase order contract to Acro Aerospace, Inc. for overhaul and repair of a helicopter turbine engine in the amount of \$90,000.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Acro Aerospace, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000 for the overhaul and repair of a helicopter turbine engine. 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.

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 section P.M.C. 4.09.060(C), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

Background:

The Police Department currently operates one Bell Jetranger helicopter powered by a Rolls-Royce 250-C-20B turbine engine. As a result of normal operation, this turbine engine will require overhaul within the next 15 flight hours. These repairs must be performed by a facility licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration for this type of work. Acro Aerospace, Inc. is licensed to perform these repairs and is an authorized Rolls-Royce service center for the 250 series turbine engine.

Recently, the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Long Beach undertook a competitive bidding process for the inspection and overhaul of Rolls-Royce Gas Turbine Series 250 engines and accessories of the type in use by the City. As a result of the bid process, these cities awarded a contract to Acro Aerospace, Inc. Acro Aerospace, Inc., has offered the same contract terms and pricing to the City of Pasadena. If the City were to undertake a competitive bidding process it is highly unlikely that it would yield more competitive pricing or provide better service.

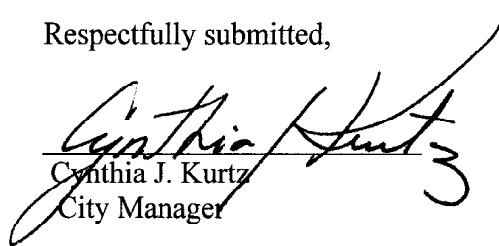
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Consequently, it is in the best interests of the City to issue a purchase order to Acro Aerospace. Under the proposed purchase order contract, Acro Aerospace will include 17% discount for parts and a discount of 10% for labor. Acro Aerospace will provide engine shipping to and from the overhaul facility at no charge. Acro Aerospace has a reputation for the highest quality turbine engine work, which is essential to the safe operation of the Police Department aircraft.

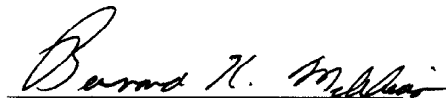
Fiscal Impact:

Sufficient funds are available in the Police Department FY 2002 Operating Budget, LA IMPACT Account 402410.


Respectfully submitted,


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