

# Agenda Report

January 10, 2011

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Information Technology

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH ULTRALIFE ENERGY SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE ELTEK VALERE FLATPACK2 DC POWER SYSTEMS**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with Ultralife Energy Services for three Eltek Valere Flatpack2 Power Systems in an amount not to exceed \$193,450;
3. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2008, the City Council authorized a contract for the purchase and installation of a three-site simulcast radio system in Pasadena to interconnect with the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) network. ICIS is a public safety radio network that has been in operation since 2002. Governing members include the Cities of Pasadena, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Culver City, Glendale, Montebello and Pomona. It is currently serving the greater Los Angeles municipalities as well as the American Red Cross, Bob Hope Airport, Glendale Community College, and the Verdugo Fire Communications Center (VFCC).

Concurrent with the work underway, purchase of the power systems is required to support the radio equipment to be installed at the simulcast radio sites. One power system is designed to support one simulcast radio site. A total of three power systems are required to support three simulcast radio sites located at the Mirador facility,

Pasadena Police parking garage, and the approved east end site adjacent to the Goodrich power substation.

Eltek Valere Flatpack2 has been selected as the equipment of choice based on the standard -48 Volt DC power system provided by the ICIS technical committee for remote and prime-remote ICIS radio simulcast sites. By complying with the power system standard, Pasadena will benefit from enhanced system reliability and the ability to utilize spare equipment shared by member Cities in case of unanticipated power equipment failures.

Manufacturer, Eltek Valere, referred Ultralife Energy Services as the recommended authorized reseller of Flatpack 2 power system. Ultralife Energy Services provides extensive services for public safety agencies as well as government and defense customers. They are a leading battery and energy provider with experienced subject matter experts addressing integration inquiries related to public safety radio system at a regional level.

The quote received from Ultralife Energy Services complies with the equipment pricing listed in the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Public Safety Communication Equipment and Services Contract Number 02702 issued in October of 2003 for use by all state agencies, including political subdivisions of California. The contract is effective through October 2011.

### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION**

The ICIS project directly supports the City Council strategic goal to ensure public safety by enhancing first responder operations through interoperability communications. Conversion to ICIS will provide for greater stability, coverage, and flexibility for day-to-day use, allow all City Departments to have independent talk groups, and provide the City with greatly enhanced interoperability.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

The City's contract with Ultralife is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as the activity in question does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Power Systems purchase of \$193,450 related to the ICIS project is included in the adopted FY2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program. Approximately 60% of the project is budgeted in the Technology Section while the remaining portions related to the Water and Power Department are budgeted in the Water and Electric System sections respectively. The total estimated project cost is in line with the \$8,820,060 in total appropriations to date. Breakdown is as follows:

Computing and Communications Fund \$937,138  
Power Fund \$2,050,000  
Water Bond \$250,000  
Water Fund \$945,000  
Equipment Lease Financing \$4,637,922

Respectfully submitted,



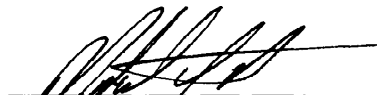
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**Disclosure Pursuant to the  
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment  
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

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<b>1. Contractor/Organization Name:</b> ULTRALIFE ENERGY SERVICES
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<b>2. Type of Entity:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-government <input type="checkbox"/> nonprofit 501(c)(3), (4), or (6)
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<b>3. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:</b>
KEN COTTON VP
PETE COMERFORD SECRETARY
Philip A. Fain as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

<b>4. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:</b>
Grace Brothers Management, Inc. which owns 29.62% of the outstanding shares

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