

Agenda Report

October 22, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER
CONTRACT WITH AMERON POLES C/O PACIFIC LIGHTING
SALES, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF CONCRETE STREETLIGHTING
POLES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule;
2. Find that the proposed purchase order contract is exempt from Competitive Bidding pursuant to City Charter, Article X, Section 1002(C), "Contracts for labor, material, supplies or services available from only one vendor," and is requested to be exempted from the Competitive Selection process on the basis of P.M.C. 4.08.049(B), and
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with Ameron Poles c/o Pacific Lighting Sales, Inc., for the purchase of concrete streetlighting poles for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

BACKGROUND:

Ameron streetlighting concrete poles have been the City standard for more than 20 years and are installed throughout the City. Ameron poles are pre-stressed with steel cables for maximum durability and exceed the Department's design standards. The poles are maintenance free as they do not bend, dent, or peel. Standard and custom models are available enabling the City to meet the aesthetic needs of the City's business districts and neighborhoods.

The City must maintain an inventory of poles to ensure the continuous operation of the streetlighting system and for new streetlighting projects. When poles are knocked down in traffic collisions or new lights are added to the system, replacement in kind is necessary for consistency of operation and uniformity of aesthetics.

The City needs to purchase 81 poles in 6 different designs. A total of 32 poles will be used to replace poles damaged in the November 30/December 1 windstorm. The next 15 poles will be used for private development projects required to install poles through the conditions of development. The remaining 34 poles will be stored in the City Yards for inventory and ongoing maintenance purposes.

In the recent past, the Department of Public Works has met with numerous vendor and manufacturer representatives to determine whether the firms can manufacture concrete poles comparable to or of better quality than Ameron poles. None of the vendors or manufacturers showed interest because the effort to manufacture poles equivalent to Ameron products is cost prohibitive.

Pacific Lighting Sales Inc., located in Lake Forest, California, is the sole distributor for Ameron poles in the Southern California region. Based on the satisfactory performance of Ameron poles as outlined above and the fact that Pacific Lighting Sales is the sole distributor for Ameron poles in Southern California, the Department of Public Works recommends that Pacific Lighting Sales Inc. be granted a sole source exemption as the best interests of the City are served by a direct contract award.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council strategic goal to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and to ensure public safety throughout the City of Pasadena.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed contract has been determined to be exempt from the CEQA process pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The proposed contract herein will not have a potentially significant effect on the environment, and therefore falls under this "general rule" exemption to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:


The cost of this purchase order contract will not exceed \$150,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by utilization of budgeted appropriations in the Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management, Street Lights and Traffic Signals account (8101-101-764420) and Restoration on Arterial and Major Collector Streets – Citywide CIP project (73133).

It is anticipated that the costs will be spent during FY 2013.

The following table presents a summary of the sources of funds that will be used.

General Fund	\$ 65,565.39
Federal Highway Administration	\$ 55,593.00
Private Capital	\$ 28,841.61
Total	\$150,000.00

Respectfully submitted,



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