

# Agenda Report

March 13, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Fire Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$141,000 FOR REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Find that the proposed action is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060 (c)(3), and 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document is required; and
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(C), contract for supplies available from only one vendor, with Allstar Fire Equipment for Scott Safety SCBA in an amount not-to-exceed \$141,000; and
- 3. Grant the proposed purchase an exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049 (B), contracts for which the City's best interest are served.

## BACKGROUND:

On December 9, 2014, the department initiated a formal competitive bidding process to procure SCBA equipment. During the bid evaluation process, the department selected the Scott Safety Self Contained Breathing Apparatus as the product. On February 2, 2015, the City Council approved a purchase order contract with Allstar Fire Equipment in the amount of \$765,797 for Scott Safety Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

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Allstar Fire Equipment is the exclusive provider of Scott Safety SCBA equipment. Other vendors do not carry the make and model of this equipment. The SCBA air packs, cylinders, parts and accessories are not interchangeable from one manufacturer to another manufacturer. The purchase of this equipment is fiscally responsible due to the fact that changing from one type of SCBA to another will require a complete change of the existing SCBA equipment. Equipment replacement costs for all of the existing air packs, cylinders, face pieces and voice amps would be approximately \$888,470. Lastly, this SCBA equipment is effective protective gear that fire fighters must have while at the scene of a fire, rescue or accident that requires respiratory protection per the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

It is in the City's best interest to continue to use this product through this vendor as it will be a lower cost for the City. Based on the above information, staff proposes the use of Allstar Fire Equipment as the vendor for the repair, maintenance, and purchase of Scott Safety SCBA equipment to sustain the City's vital SCBA Program.

#### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed purchase is consistent with the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The action proposed herein is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(3), and 15378 (b)(2). The authorizations and approvals related to the purchasing of SCBA are a continuing administrative and maintenance activity (i.e., purchasing of supplies) specifically excluded from the definition of "project", as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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The cost of this action is \$141,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the use of existing budgeted appropriations in the Fire Department's Fire Operations account 10131009-810900 \$95,000 and 10131015-850400 \$46,000. It is anticipated that the entire amount of \$141,000 will be spent during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

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