

# Agenda Report

June 14, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Police Department

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD TO LDV, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE OPERATIONS CENTER VEHICLE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800,000**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Section 15061 (b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
2. Accept the bid dated October 26, 2020, submitted by LDV, Inc., in response to specifications for the procurement of a mobile operations center vehicle; Reject all other bids received; and Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with LDV, Inc., an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This project is included in the Capital Improvement Program Budget along with another project for the Police Department; Police Department Building Renovation. Given concerns raised by the public regarding these two projects, on May 19<sup>th</sup> each was the subject of an informational presentation to the City Council's Public Safety Committee. At that meeting the public was afforded the opportunity to provide additional comments on the projects. Although no vote was taken by the Committee, there was general consensus that a mobile operations center vehicle would be of value to the City.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Pasadena Police Department (PPD) and the City of Pasadena provide a wide range of services requiring a 24/7 response to critical incidents and public safety

emergencies. To properly handle and fulfill these service obligations, a mobile operations center (MOC) will significantly enhance planning and response strategies with efficiency and precision. The MOC will enable personnel to more effectively perform critical city functions from a mobile platform in a command post setting in the event of an emergency or catastrophe.

The PPD's current mobile command post is over twenty years old, and is not equipped with relevant technology to enable the asset to perform in an effective manner. At the time of its original purchase the mobile command post was among the best in the region and served as a regional asset. Due to its age and outdated technology, this is no longer the case.

The average life expectancy for this type of specialty vehicle serving a municipal agency is approximately 20 years, this is based on evolving technologies, overall use, and general unavoidable deterioration over time. Replacement parts for the current truck are difficult to obtain. Although, it has been properly maintained, its dependability, reliability and efficiency have rapidly decreased. Due to cost, it is not feasible or desirable to refurbish and or upgrade and retrofit the existing mobile command post.

The Pasadena community has been impacted by a wide variety of incidents including wildfires, earthquakes, mudslides, various transportation-related accidents, crowd gatherings, and major crime scenes requiring the deployment of various city resources. The PPD, along with outer city departments, consistently met these challenges with thoughtful strategic planning and measured execution while striving towards the common goal of public safety.

The new MOC will have the ability to efficiently support all city departments and entities. A preliminary needs assessment conducted by the Police MOC Project Team determined the initial goals and objectives of the project. MOC project staff consulted with other City departments to solicit input from potential stakeholders in the overall project. Project team members visited regional agencies to meet and consult with their MOC operators and managers to derive key takeaways from their respective experiences.

Hundreds of different Mobile Operations Centers from across the United States have been evaluated over time. Industry subject matter experts were consulted, as were government agencies at the local, regional, state and federal levels. Experts in the business/private sector were also consulted regarding the latest and future public safety technologies.

On December 5, 2019, a Request for Information (RFI) for a Mobile Operations Center was published through Planet Bids to gather information about competition, standard operations, and other features available in the marketplace. On January 7, 2020, staff received responses from four vendors. The information gathered from this public solicitation of information assisted the PPD in determining an optimal solution and procurement strategy that lead to a formal solicitation.

On September 30, 2020, a Notice Inviting Bids for the procurement of a Mobile Operations Center was posted on Planet Bids, and published in the *Pasadena Journal* newspaper. Notices were sent to 1,393 vendors and 25 vendors downloaded the bid documents. One response was received by the bid closing date of October 20, 2020. No local vendors can provide this type of item. The bid results are as follows:

<u>Bidder(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LDV, Inc., Burlington, WI	\$1,700,000

LDV, Inc., was the one responsive and responsible bidder that complies in all respects of the requirements in the Bid Specification. Based on a comparison of historical prices and purchases conducted by other cities of similar vehicles and technology, this pricing represents fair market value. The proposed contract includes the base bid amount of \$1,700,000 plus a contingency amount of \$100,000 should any modifications be necessary during manufacture.

### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This agenda item supports the following City Council Strategic Planning Goals:

**Ensure public safety:** LDV, Inc., is a qualified vendor with experience in the manufacturing of custom specialty vehicles to serve cities and provide services during an emergency. The purchase of a new MCC from this vendor will allow the Police Department and other City departments to effectively respond to critical incidents and provide adequate public safety response to Pasadena residents.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The proposed action has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The purchasing of vehicles would have no adverse impact on the environment. The subject mobile operations center vehicle would replace an outdated vehicle in the Department's fleet. While the replacement vehicles would generate greenhouse gas (GHG) and air pollutant emissions, such emissions would be offset by the retirement of the existing vehicle. In addition, the new vehicle would meet the California emissions requirements and federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. Any emissions would be negligible and well below air quality and GHG significance thresholds and the purchase of the new vehicle would have the potential to reduce air quality and GHG emissions as the new vehicle would have better fuel efficiency than the current vehicle it would replace. Further, this purchase complies with all South Coast Air Quality Management District rules and regulations for engine emissions and clean air standards in the South Coast basin as well as California Air Resources Board rules.

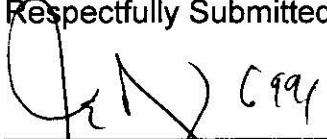
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds for this action are available in the newly approved Fiscal Year 2022-2025 Mobile Command Center CIP Project. There will be annual indirect or support cost requirements of \$15,000 that will be absorbed within the department's annual operating budget.

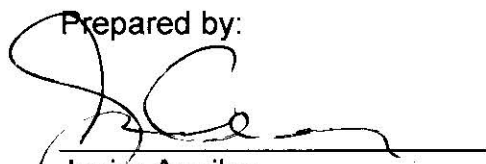
The following table reflects the contract summary.

<b>Contract Summary</b>	
Contract Amount	\$ 1,700,000
Contingency	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 1,800,000</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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