

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 30, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF ONE STENCIL TRUCK

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to College Ford in the amount not to exceed \$64,777.00 for the purchase of one stencil truck to be used by the Public Works Street Maintenance Division. The proposed purchase 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 also recommended that the City Council grant this contract a partial exemption (vendor outreach only) from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to P.M.C. 4.09.060(C) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND

Building Systems and Fleet Management staff in conjunction with the Traffic Paint staff are recommending the replacement of equipment # 0479, a 1985 Stencil Painting truck. This recommendation is based on the age and high mileage of the vehicle, Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and California Air Resources Board (CARB) mandates, and rising maintenance costs for the vehicle.

The City of Pasadena presently uses two stencil trucks to paint and maintain traffic and pedestrian safety legends, such as crosswalks, railroad crossings and school zones. They are also used as a curb painter for curb edges. The trucks provide a customized mobile workstation which contains all the tools and equipment necessary to perform these operations safely and efficiently.

The 1985 model year truck has logged over 85,000 miles on the engine and transmission, and has exceeded its useful lifecycle of ten (10) years by more than four (4) years.

Equipment #0479 was designed to accommodate oil-based paints when it was built in 1985. Today, as a result of AQMD regulations and emission concerns, the use of solvent (oil)- based paints have been discontinued and water-based paints are being used in their place. The AQMD and CARB mandated, effective January 1, 1997, that Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in paints used for traffic painting be reduced to levels that oil-based paints cannot meet. In addition, the use of water-based paint eliminates the danger involved in cleaning the tools and the disposal of the cleaning solvents, used paint buckets, and other materials as hazardous waste.

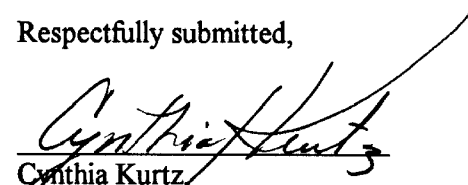
Complying with the AQMD and CARB mandates has contributed to the high maintenance of the vehicle. #0479 is not adequate to spray water-based paint because of its now obsolete design. As a result of its incompatibility with water based paints, the vehicle is often out of service resulting in an unrecoverable loss of labor hours, leaving the City with only one stencil truck doing the work intended for two.

In May 1999 the County of Orange undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase of one stencil truck. As a result of the bid process, Orange awarded a contract to College Ford. College Ford has offered to extend its bid price to the City of Pasadena. Purchasing the requested stencil truck from College Ford would be in the City's best interests for several reasons. College Ford is able to provide a new 1999 cab and chassis with full manufacturer warranties in place. Were the City to undertake its own bid process, the time involved in preparing the necessary bid documents and obtaining the required approvals would most likely result in the City purchasing a 2000 model at higher cost, as well as incurring associated staff costs. Additionally, College Ford has subcontracted with a female, minority-owned firm for a portion of the body fabrication work, which is supportive of the City's Affirmative Action goals and objectives.

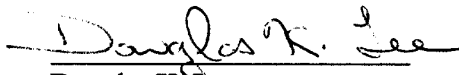
FISCAL IMPACT

This equipment is a budgeted replacement and sufficient funds are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund, account #8505-101-766300


Respectfully submitted,

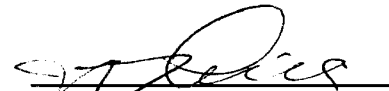

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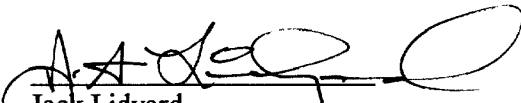

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