

## Agenda Report

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

December 7, 1998

FROM:

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

REPAIRS TO 100' AERIAL LADDER

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to FWD Corporation, Seagrave Fire Apparatus Division, in an amount not to exceed \$66,346.00 for repairs to the aerial ladder for vehicle #0533.

The proposed purchase is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(C), contracts for labor, material, supplies or services available from only one vendor.

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 contracts available from a sole source.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Pasadena's Fire Department is organized to have three (3) Tractor Drawn Aerial (TDA) Ladder trucks in service. Two (2) of the trucks should be in an active status and one (1) in a reserve status. Truck # 0533 is a 1985 Seagrave TDA truck that should be in an active status. However, the ladder was recently inspected and found to have several problems with the ladder that exceed the manufacturer's allowable specifications. As a result, the truck has been taken out of service. The other active TDA truck was taken out of service and replaced with the reserve truck while a new TDA Quint is on order. The new truck will be available for service by the end of FY 1999. Because there are no other TDA trucks available, the Fire Department is currently using a truck on loan from the Glendale Fire Department until the repairs to this ladder can be made.

The manufacturer of the aerial ladder, Seagrave, does not authorize any structural repairs to be done on its aerial ladder products by any persons or repair facility other than the

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Seagrave factory and employees. Unauthorized repairs performed on the ladders are done solely on the responsibility and liability of the person or facility that performed the repairs. This recommendation provides for repairs to the ladder that would be performed by Seagrave according to manufacturer's specifications. The ladder will be completely refurbished and returned to the TDA truck in a like new condition. The cost of the actual repair work is \$59,946, with the additional cost of \$6,400.00 for shipping the ladder to and from Wisconsin. Additionally, the repairs will extend the life cycle of the truck for approximately three (3) years or until 2008 based on a normal 20-year life cycle.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available for these repairs in the amount of \$66,346.00 in the Fire Department's Operating Budget account #363000 for Fire Operations.

Respectfully submitted,

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