

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 19, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BETZDEARBORN WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR PROVIDING WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM AND CHEMICALS AT THE CITY'S BROADWAY POWER PLANT

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the General Manager of the Water and Power Department to enter into a contract with BetzDearborn Water Management Group for providing water treatment program and chemicals at the City's Broadway Power Plant for an amount not-to-exceed \$115,000. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(f), contracts for professional or unique services.

## BACKGROUND:

The proposed contract is for the water treatment program and chemical products intended for treating high-pressure steam boilers, cooling towers and closed cooling water systems at the Broadway Power Plant. This water treatment is essential for the power generating units to operate efficiently and dependably by minimizing problems associated with metal corrosion, mineral scale deposits, and microbiological growth.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide for these kind of services was issued to seven firms specializing in boiler and cooling tower water treatment. Five firms responded to the City's RFP. Three City staff independently evaluated the five proposals received based on the criteria stated in the RFP and the evaluation yielded the following rankings:

| <u>BIDDERS</u>                      | <u>EVALUATED SCORE</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| BetzDearborn Water Management Group | 82.12                  |
| San Joaquin Chemicals, Inc.         | 80.84                  |
| ChemTreat, Inc.                     | 77.03                  |
| Nalco Chemical Company              | 75.93                  |
| Aqua-Serv Engineers, Inc.           | 71.94                  |

(A summary table of the evaluation is attached to this report)

BetzDearborn met the requirements of the RFP, received the highest evaluated score, and is therefore recommended for award of the proposed contract. The requested amount of \$115,000 is based on the estimated cost of water treatment to be performed at the Broadway Power Plant during the initial one-year period. Under the proposed contract the City pays only for chemical products used. The contract also has three one-year extension options with prices tied to the rise in the consumers price index. Each extension option requires the approval of the General Manager of the Water and Power Department.

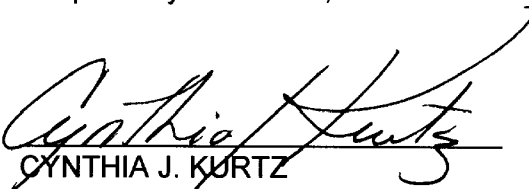
The proposed contract complies with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 4.09 and the Living Wage Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 4.11.

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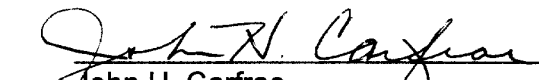
FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding is from the Power Fund, Operating Budget Account Numbers 8101-401-841200-0502 and 8101-401-841200-0505.

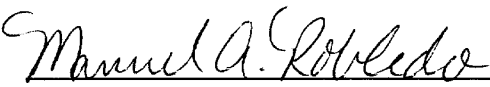
Respectfully Submitted,

  
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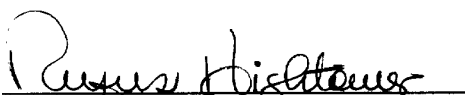
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