

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** JUNE 9, 2003
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: PURCHASE ORDER WITH ALTEC INDUSTRIES FOR
\$190,738.66 FOR TWO AERIAL DEVICES

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$190,738.66 for the purchase of two Altec Aerial Devices.

- 2) Grant an exemption from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Public Works presently uses aerial devices in its Parks and Natural Resources Division (Forestry Section) and Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division (Street Lights and Traffic Signals Section). This purchase will replace one truck for each division. These are the industry standard for vehicles utilized to trim trees, perform routine clearance pruning, and to do streetlight, traffic signal, and sign maintenance and repairs. These aerial devices provide customized mobile workstations with the equipment necessary for crews to perform their work safely and efficiently.

The Forestry Section is directly responsible for the maintenance of 60,000 street trees. In addition, the operation prunes trees in parks throughout the City, at the Fire Stations, Rose Bowl, and Brookside Golf Course. Vehicle #1083 a 64-foot aerial truck is due for replacement. High maintenance costs, limited mobility around the City's smaller streets, and an inability to prune smaller trees, make the change to a 35-foot aerial truck necessary. A smaller truck offers greater mobility and will enable the staff to prune 35-40 additional smaller trees daily.

Currently the Parks and Natural Resources Department has only one 35-foot aerial truck.

Vehicle #1088, a 1992 aerial truck assigned to the Street Lights and Traffic Signal Section is in need of replacement due to high maintenance costs and excessive downtime that is impacting the ability of the crews to maintain current service levels. The Street Lights and Traffic Signal section is responsible for the annual replacement of 18,000 street lamps, 300 signalized intersections, walkway lights and ball diamond lights in 26 parks. Staff also uses this vehicle to maintain lights on the exterior of City facilities and library parking lot lights as well as to respond to troubleshooting and emergency calls. Replacement of this vehicle will ensure staff can meet its obligations for the timely replacement of streetlights and repair of traffic signals throughout the City. This vehicle has met its expected useful life cycle.

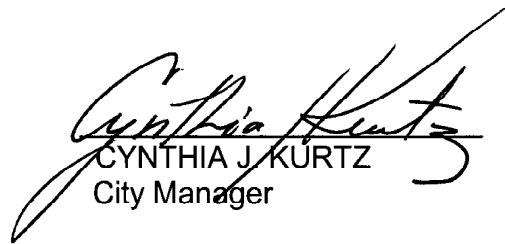
The County of Los Angeles recently completed a competitive bidding process for the purchase of aerial devices, and as a result of that bid process, they awarded a contract to Altec Industries, Inc., for five aerial trucks. Altec Industries, Inc. has offered to extend this bid price to the City of Pasadena.

Purchasing the requested aerial devices from Altec is in the City's best interest for two reasons. First the aerial devices purchased by the County of Los Angeles are the same configuration as the last three purchases by the City. Second continuing to purchase units with the same configuration will insure reduced repair costs and vehicle downtime due to parts standardization and mechanic and operator familiarity with the equipment.

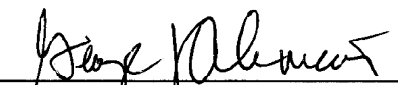
FISCAL IMPACT

This equipment is a budgeted replacement and funds in the amount of \$190,738.66 are available for use in the Equipment Replacement Fund, account #766300.

Respectfully submitted:



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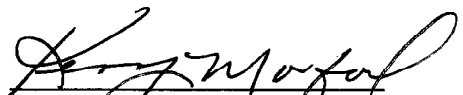

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