

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 28, 2005

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH HACKNEY EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW 2005 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USAR) UNIT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$440,919

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Hackney Emergency Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$440,919 for the purchase of one USAR Unit.
- 2) Grant the proposed purchase order 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 Fire Department is in need of replacing one emergency Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Unit, equipment #0965, a 1991 model stationed at Fire Station 32. This emergency vehicle has exceeded its ten-year lifecycle by three years. Due to heightened awareness for disaster and terrorism response as a result of the Homeland Security Act, the role of a USAR vehicle has been expanded significantly. The vehicle must now be equipped to effectively execute rescues involving structural collapse, confined space, trench collapse, technical rope (high and low angle), swift water and difficult transportation accident rescues. In addition, the vehicle must be able to be self-sufficient for protracted operational periods. As a result it must contain additional equipment such as a breathing air compressor, tool air compressor, and a large kilowatt generator with a high power lighting boom. The current USAR vehicle is unable to accommodate these requirements due to a lack of equipment storage compartments and its overall smaller size.

After extensive research for potential vendors of USAR Units, the Pasadena Fire Department USAR Research Group has determined that a tractor / trailer unit is the only apparatus that has the necessary space available for the equipment required to effectively execute successful rescues. The Research Group also determined that Hackney Emergency Vehicle is the rescue unit best suited for service in the City of Pasadena. Additionally, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Standard 1901, recommends the standards by which all fire apparatus are built. Hackney has built over 800 NFPA 1901 Standard, emergency vehicles. The Research Group found that among all manufacturers of these vehicles, Hackney is the only company that offers a tractor / trailer unit suitable for The City of Pasadena.


In June of 2004, the City of Long Beach executed a contract for the purchase of a USAR vehicle with Hackney. Hackney has offered to extend this 2004 bid price to the City of Pasadena.

The Fire Department has received Homeland Security Grant funds to offset the purchase of this vehicle. These grant funds need to be expended no later than April, 2005. The time necessary to prepare bid specifications, review proposals and award a competitive bid would take a minimum of three to four months and would result in the City losing the grant funds needed to purchase the vehicle. Therefore, it is recommended that the City of Pasadena utilize the contract award to Hackney by the City of Long Beach in order to effect purchase of the USAR unit.


**FISCAL IMPACT**

This equipment is a budgeted replacement and funds in the amount of \$150,073 are available for use in the Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund, account #8505-503-766300 with the remaining \$290,846 coming from a State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY03 Part II and FY04 Programs, procured from the federal government by the Pasadena Fire Department. These funds are available under the Fire Department Grant Fund 8109-230-361000-91061 account.

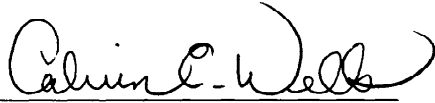
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