

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 25, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT TO BASE-X INC. FOR ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FIELD TENTS TO BE USED FOR POINTS OF DISPENSING AND ALTERNATE MEDICAL CARE SITES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a Purchase Order to Base-X Inc. in the amount of \$115,000 to acquire rapidly deployable shelter units (field tents) for Public Health Department Points of Dispensing and alternate medical care sites which serve the entire community of Pasadena.
2. Authorize the City Manager to issue up to two additional annual purchase orders to Base-X Inc. in total annual amounts not to exceed \$190,000 to acquire rapidly deployable shelter units (field tents) for additional Public Health Department point of dispensing sites.
3. Grant the proposed purchase order an exemption from the competitive bidding process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, PMC 4.08, pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

BACKGROUND:

Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) staff has been working to establish and acquire the Bioterrorism and Public Health Emergency Preparedness material resources necessary for Public Health emergency response. PPHD purchased one field tent from Base-X Inc. in summer 2007 to ensure compliance with grant requirements for exercising a Point of Dispensing site should the Public Health Department need to rapidly distribute large numbers of antibiotics or administer vaccines to local residents. During the last Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise conducted November 15, 2007 at the Rose Bowl, it was determined that three additional field tents would be required to establish a fully operational, single-site POD. The size of a single-site fully operational

POD for Pasadena is based upon the CDC requirement to serve 700 people per hour, 24 hours a day for 3 days. In addition, the field tents can be used as alternate medical care sites in surge capacity situations when Huntington Hospital may be overwhelmed.

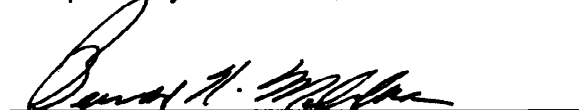
In order to stay completely interoperable with the current field tents, additional units must be acquired from Base-X Inc. Staff selected Base-X Inc. to supply the original shelter after participating in a large-scale, comprehensive public health emergency preparedness exercise conducted by Ventura County in the spring of 2007, where such equipment was used. Agencies utilizing Base-X shelters and products include the County of Ventura, Santa Barbra County, California National Guard, Navy and Marine Corps, Army and Air Force units throughout Southern California. Staff proposes to piggy-back on Ventura County's purchase order contract #PC51000001226. Ventura County has purchased over \$133,000 in shelters and related equipment from Base-X Inc.

Existing grants and NIMS and SEMS guidelines require interoperability within Area C/ Region 1 Public Health response agencies, which encompass all Public Health, Police and Fire Departments in cities surrounding Pasadena and all 88 cities in the LA Operational Area, including San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties. Base-X Inc. is currently negotiating with agencies in Area C/Region 1 to establish agreements to support bioterrorism and emergency preparedness requirements. Because Area C/Region 1 agencies will be purchasing interoperable field tents, we will meet the national interoperability guidelines. Base-X Inc. shelters were deployed in numerous support activities during the recent firestorm in Southern California.

FISCAL IMPACT:


Funds for this purchase which were provided through grants are included in the current operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

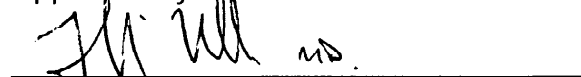


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**Disclosure Pursuant to the
City of Pasadena Taxpayer Protection Amendment of 2000
Pasadena City Charter, Article XVII**

Contractor/Organization hereby discloses its trustees, directors, partners, officers, and those with more than a 10% equity, participation, or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization, as follows:

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1. Contractor/Organization Name:

Base-X Incorporated

2. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:

Corporate Officers:

James Maurer, President

Brian Dearing, Vice President

Vince Nardy, CEO

Steve Demko, CFO/Treasurer

3. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:

Wholly-owned subsidiary of Hunter Defense Holdings, Inc.

Prepared by: **Deb Tucker**

Title: **Contracts Manager**

Date: **April 25, 2007**

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Contract/Transaction No. _____

If not a contract, type of transaction: _____