

Agenda Report

September 21, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Department of Information Technology
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROTOCRAFT SUPPORT, INC. FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION RADIOS AND INSTALLATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$770,298

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. It is recommended that the City Council: i) accept the bid dated June 9, 2020 submitted by Rotocraft Support, Inc. in response to specifications for Public Safety Aviation Radios and Installation; ii) reject all other bids received; and, iii) authorize the issuance of a contract for an amount not to exceed \$770,298, which includes the base contract amount of \$700,271 and a contingency of \$70,027 for any necessary change orders.

BACKGROUND:

On October 7, 2019, Council approved a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of new radio communications equipment for both Police and Fire personnel and vehicles. This purchase did not include the replacement of the aging communication equipment in the fleet of Police Helicopters, as Motorola does not offer aircraft radios. These radios are uniquely made, designed specifically for each helicopter, and require custom installation by specialized vendors.

The current radio fleet that supports the five Police helicopters was last replaced in 2005 and initially expected to remain in service for ten years. The radios have exceeded their useful life, and repairs are increasing in both frequency and cost. Also, the radio manufacturer, Technisonic, no longer supports the version of radios in the City's Air Operations Fleet, and repairs are becoming increasingly difficult to source. Further, the pace of technology has also improved to the point where newer equipment is a full-generation ahead of the technical capabilities of the existing radios.

Given this, Department of Information Technology (DoIT) staff prepared and published a bid specification on May 7, 2020, and in accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids were requested and received. In addition to the Notice Inviting Bids listed on the City's website, the bid specification was also advertised in the Pasadena Journal and the Pasadena Weekly.

A total of 22 vendors obtained the bid package, three of whom submitted bids. Following advertising, responsive bids received on June 9, 2020, are as follows:

Vendor	Location	Amount
1. Rotocraft Support, Inc.	Fillmore, CA	\$ 700,270.92
2. Air Comm Systems, Inc.	Murrieta, CA	\$ 806,928.83
3. Hangar One Avionics, Inc.	Carlsbad, CA	\$ 1,153,461.60

It is recommended that Rotorcraft Support, Inc. be awarded the contract for this project as they are the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. A contract in an amount not to exceed \$770,298 will be set up as follows:

Base Bid	\$700,270.92
Contingency Allowance (10%)	\$ 70,027.08
Total Not-to-Exceed Amount	\$770,298.00

The proposed contract with Rotorcraft Support, Inc. fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Living Wage Ordinance, and with the Prevailing Wage Law (Senate Bill 7) per Resolution 9406 adopted by the City Council on December 14, 2014. Currently, there are no active contracts with Rotorcraft Support, Inc.

The implementation schedule of the replacement radios is dependent on the execution of a contract with the vendor and the manufacturer's lead time for delivery. Staff anticipates the order will be placed as soon as possible, and that rollout will begin in November 2020 with completion targeted by the end of the fiscal year.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety by maintaining critical radio communications equipment that is used by the City.

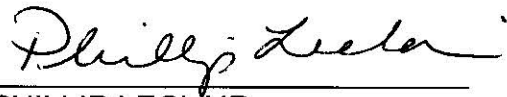
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This contract is exempt from CEQA per section 15061(b) (3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action will not result in any new development or physical changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

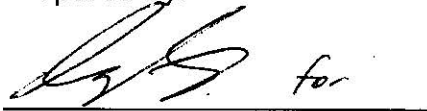
The total cost of the proposed action will be \$770,298. Funding for this action will be addressed by utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Radio Communications Equipment Upgrade and Replacement Capital Improvement Program Project (71166). It is anticipated that the entire amount will be spent during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A: Taxpayer Protection Amendment