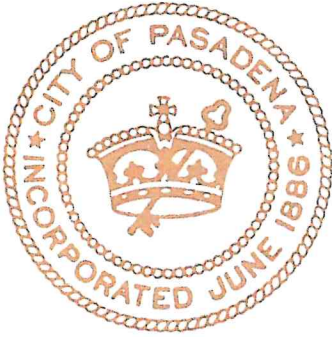




Agenda Report

November 17, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Water and Power Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLUE ANGEL INTERNATIONAL, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF COVERED OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL WIRES FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,000,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required; and
2. Award a contract to lowest and best bid dated June 11, 2025, submitted by Blue Angel International, LLC ("Blue Angel") in response to the specifications for Electrical Tree Wires, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for a grand total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$600,000 for three years and the option for two additional one-year extensions or an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000, at the discretion of the City Manager.

BACKGROUND:

Pasadena Water and Power ("PWP") delivers electricity to over 65,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers within the City of Pasadena. As a provider of essential services, PWP supports the City's critical infrastructure by ensuring reliable water and power services, prioritizing environmental sustainability, and providing exceptional customer service.

PWP has been installing covered overhead electrical wires (also known as tree wires) in its distribution system for more than two decades. These installations have reduced power outages that typically occur when tree branches or other conductors making momentary contact with overhead lines. The wires are also designed to enhance fire

safety by preventing sparks during incidental contacts. As a result, PWP's Wildfire Mitigation Plan identifies tree wires as a key measure to reduce wildfire risks associated with electrical infrastructure.

In an overhead distribution system, these wires are strung between power poles to deliver electricity to transformers, which then convert power to a voltage suitable for end users.

On May 15, 2025, a Notice Inviting Bids for the Specifications for Electrical Tree Wires was published on the City's electronic procurement platform, OpenGov. The notice was automatically distributed to all vendors registered with the City under the applicable commodity codes for related services. A total of 34 vendors downloaded the Specifications, none of which were local. A total of four bids were received by the bid due date of June 12, 2025, with no bids received from a local firm. The responsive bid results are summarized below in Table I.

Table I: Bid Summary

Bidder Name	Office Location	Bid Amount
Blue Angel International, LLC	Berkeley, CA	\$177,628.75
AMEK A&S Inc.	South Gate, CA	\$186,192.50
American Wire Group, LLC	Miami, FL	\$195,585.00
Anixter Inc.	Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$254,702.50

Blue Angel was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. PWP staff recommends that the City Council award a contract to Blue Angel for a grand total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000, which includes a base contract amount of \$600,000 for three years, and the option for two additional one-year extensions or an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000, at the discretion of the City Manager.

The recommended total not-to-exceed amount is based on PWP's expected workload and includes projected cost increases. The proposed contract will provide PWP with electrical tree wire necessary for safe and proper system maintenance. The proposed contract is structured as an as-needed agreement and does not commit the City to any minimum amount of materials purchase.

The proposed contract complies with the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 4.08 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Since 2024, the City has awarded five purchase orders to Blue Angel, totaling approximately \$160,000 in authorized spending.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed contract is consistent with the City Council's goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability, and PWP's strategic initiatives to enhance customer satisfaction and confidence, improve efficiency and business continuity, and maintain PWP's fiscal health and stability.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not subject to CEQA in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. The authorization of the proposed contract, which provides for the purchasing of materials, supplies and equipment, is a continuing administrative and maintenance activity (i.e., purchasing of supplies). Moreover, this action would not commit the City to undertaking or approving any actual or specific physical construction activities or any other actions that involve physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the recommended action, including contingency, is \$1,000,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing and future appropriations in various Capital Improvement Program projects including the 4kV to 17kV Distribution System Conversion Program (03227) and Deteriorated Pole Replacement Program (03233). It is anticipated that \$200,000 of the costs will be expended in FY 2026. There is no impact to the General Fund.

The following Table II represents a contract summary.

Table II: Contract Summary

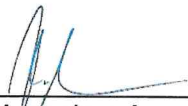
Base Contract Amount	\$ 600,000
Optional Extensions	\$ 400,000
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,000,000

Respectfully submitted,



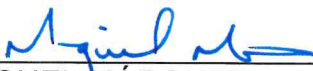
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