

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 22, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF TWO STREET SWEEPERS

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to GCS Western Power and Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$239,231.00 for the purchase of two street sweepers to be used by the Public Works and Transportation Department, Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division. The proposed purchase is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

It is also recommended that the City Council grant this contract a partial exemption (vendor outreach only) from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to P.M.C. 4.09.060(C) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND

The City of Pasadena presently uses street sweepers for cleaning debris from the street. The equipment provides all the tools and equipment necessary to perform these operations safely and efficiently.

Replacement of street sweeping equipment numbers #0970 and #1087 is necessitated because both sweepers are out of service with major repairs needed. Equipment #0970 needs the auxiliary engine replaced while Equipment #1087 needs the impeller (fan) and housing replaced. Repair costs for both sweepers have been estimated at over \$30,000. These sweepers were purchased in 1991 and 1992 respectively, have logged close to 80,000 miles apiece, and have exceeded their useful lifecycles of seven (7) years. Therefore, because of the high cost of repairing the present problems and because these high use and high maintenance units, it is recommended that the equipment be replaced and not repaired.

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Street Sweepers

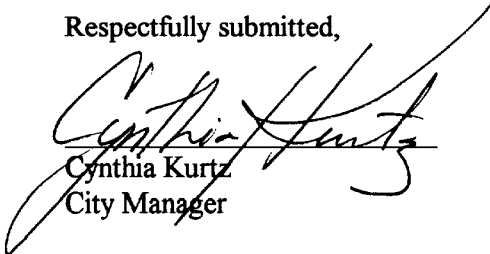
In September 1998, the City of Costa Mesa undertook a competitive bidding process for the purchase of one Street Sweeper. As a result of the bid process, Costa Mesa awarded a contract to GCS Western Power and Equipment. GCS Western Power and Equipment has offered to extend its bid price to the City of Pasadena. Purchasing the requested street sweeper from GCS would be in the City's best interests for several reasons. GCS is able to provide a new 1999 sweeper within one week upon receipt of a purchase order. This timeframe is critical, as the normal delivery time is estimated at 90 to 120 days. With equipment #1087 and #0970 currently out of service, street sweeper schedules are already backlogged. These two sweepers are critical in the City's commitment to sweep 80% of city streets once every two weeks, with the remaining 20% being swept once every three weeks. In addition, the loss of use of these two sweeper units has resulted in degradation to the previously scheduled enhanced sweeping program. It will also disrupt the additional sweeping program implemented by Council this Fiscal year which provides additional sweeping on streets on an as needed basis due to rain, wind or seasonally significant tree and plant material buildup.

GCS Western Power and Equipment is willing to offer the same bid price received by Costa Mesa and therefore, the City of Pasadena will be able to avoid the recent price increases that became effective January 1, 1999. Were the City to undertake its own bid process, the time involved in preparing the necessary bid documents and obtaining the required approvals would result in the City purchasing the same model sweeper at a higher cost, as well as incurring associated staff costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

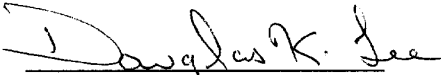
This equipment is a budgeted replacement and sufficient funds are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund #503, account #766300.

Respectfully submitted,




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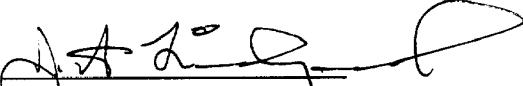
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