

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services/Public Works – Authorize purchase order for a 2 Wheel Drive Backhoe as a cooperative purchase.

Expenditure: \$85,682.89

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to Case Power and Equipment in the amount of \$85,682.89 (including sales tax) to purchase a model year 2012 Case 580N 2 Wheel Drive Backhoe with accessories as a cooperative purchase with the City of Los Angeles - Department of Airports (Ref: L.A. Bid #110-188).

Funding

Funding is available from the FEAP 785-6403 – Capital Acquisitions and the Water Operations Budget.

BACKGROUND

Several years ago a Backhoe Tractor was removed from inventory; however, the Water Division is currently fully staffed and performing more maintenance, rehabilitation and construction work including residential water main replacement projects. Frequently the Water Division is forced to borrow equipment from other Divisions when available, often resulting in delays in performing maintenance or construction work in the field. The additional Backhoe Tractor is needed to facilitate the optimum deployment of field crews to maximize efficiency of the Water Division field crews.

ANALYSIS

Staff has determined that the Case Power and Equipment brand Backhoe best meets the needs of the City. Case Power and Equipment was recently awarded the bid on a similar Tractor for the City of Los Angeles, CA Department of Airports. Accordingly, staff recommends acquisition of these vehicles via the cooperative purchase provisions provided for in the City's Municipal Code.

The Torrance Municipal Code, (Section 22.3.15), (EXCEPTIONS COOPERATIVE PURCHASES) states;

a) The provisions of this Article will not apply to purchases made pursuant to any cooperative governmental purchase program, which purchases will be made in accordance with such procedures and regulations as shall be established by the City Manager.

b) For the purposes of this Section, the term cooperative governmental purchase program means any combination between the City of Torrance and any other public agency or public agencies for the joint purchase of property or services”.

Respectfully Submitted,

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