

Council Meeting of
August 1, 2006

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Council approval of two (2) Sole-Source Purchase Orders for Conversion of Six (6) existing Front-Loader Refuse Collection Trucks to Automated Side-Loader Configuration

EXPENDITURE: \$1,124,448.65 (includes tax and 5% contingency funding for truck chassis conversion)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services Director and the Public Works Director recommend that the City Council:

1. Approve a sole source purchase order with Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, California in an amount not to exceed \$403,806.23, including sales tax and a five percent (5%) contingency, for conversion of six (6) existing Peterbilt™ Refuse Truck Cab and Chassis to accommodate newly-installed Automated Side-Loader Truck Bodies.
2. Approve a sole source purchase order with Bodyworks Equipment, Inc. of Monrovia California in an amount not to exceed \$720,642.42, including sales tax, to remove six (6) existing Front-Loader Refuse Collection Truck Bodies and install six (6) new Heil™ 33 YD₃ DuraPack 7000 Eject Automated Side-Loader Truck Bodies.

Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2006-07 Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Revolving Fund.

BACKGROUND

On March 21, 2006, the City Council approved a Staff Report from the City's Alternative Fuels Strategy Committee that recommended adoption of a multi-faceted set of strategies aimed at complying with Clean Air Mandates issued by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). The aforementioned Staff Report included recommendations to postpone replacement of many of the City's heavy-duty diesel vehicles as well as refurbishment of six (6) of the City's existing Refuse Collection Trucks.

AQMD "Fleet Rules" applicable to Public Agencies currently prohibit the City from purchasing new diesel powered Refuse Trucks. Given the City's intent to postpone heavy-duty diesel vehicle replacements, including our Refuse Trucks, until cleaner diesel engine technologies are commercially available and approved by AQMD (currently anticipated in the 2009/2010 timeframe), refurbishment of these existing trucks will provide much needed relief to the City's increasingly maintenance-intensive Refuse fleet.

The current condition of the engines and transmissions in the trucks to be refurbished is good. On the other hand, the condition of the truck bodies and hydraulic systems on these same trucks is poor due to the very demanding daily operational requirements of these vehicles. Refurbishment will result in new truck cabs, new Refuse Truck bodies and related hydraulic systems, as well as conversion from their current "front-loader" configuration to the more efficient automated "side-loader" configuration. During refurbishment of the truck chassis, Rush Truck Center will also install ARB-mandated Diesel Particulate Matter (PM) filters on the vehicles.

The end result of these refurbishments will be six (6) fully Automated Side-Loader Refuse Trucks that are fully compliant with all applicable clean air mandates.

ANALYSIS

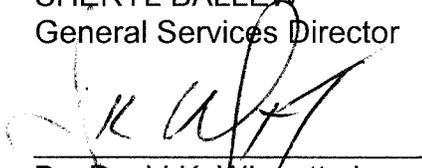
Staff has concluded that this project requires sole-sourcing due to the specialized nature of the work, as well as the proprietary nature of the systems that the City desires. Rush Truck Center is the designated Peterbilt™ vendor in this region - and the existing cab and chassis on these vehicles are Peterbilt™ brand. Bodyworks Equipment, Inc. is the designated regional vendor for Heil™ brand Truck Bodies, which has over a period of years become the standard for the City's Refuse fleet. Both are highly reputable and dependable brands, and both vendors are long-time suppliers of parts and services to the City.

Both of these Purchase Orders fall within the Sole-Source Purchase Exception of TMC § 22.3.17 (b), which states:

“For purposes of this Section, “sole-source purchases” means those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City.

No sole-source purchases may be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but may be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public.”

Respectfully submitted,
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 General Services Director



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 Fleet Services Manager

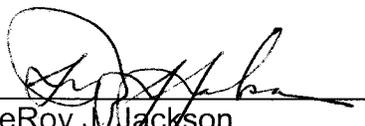
CONCUR:



Sheryl Ballew
 General Services Director



Robert J. Beste
 Public Works Director



LeRoy J. Jackson
 City Manager