

Council Meeting of
August 22, 2006

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services – Purchase Order to John Deere Company to furnish a Utility Tractor as a cooperative purchase with the State of California. Expenditure: \$35,434.33

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the General Services and Public Works Directors that the City Council authorize a purchase order to John Deere Company of Cary, North Carolina, in the amount of \$35,434.33 including sales tax, to furnish one (1) John Deere Model 5525 Utility Tractor.

Funding

Funding has been allocated for this purchase in Airport Capital Projects Budget (FEAP # 576).

BACKGROUND

The Airport Operations Division of Public Works utilizes a Utility Tractor to maintain unpaved areas surrounding the Torrance Airport. Among other uses, this tractor is used to pull a large flail mower that cuts weeds and grass. The tractor listed below is due for replacement per the City's established replacement criterion. Additionally, the new tractor will have a closed-cab design, which provides enhanced protection for the operator from exposure to dust, grass cuttings and other airborne debris generated from use of the flail mower attachment.

Equipment #	Year	Make	Model	Hours of Use	Condition
9245	1988	John Deere	2155	3,829	Extensive wear and tear, obsolete cab design.

ANALYSIS

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”.

The State of California General Services Administration (GSA) has an existing California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) contract with the John Deere Company. The State of California allows local government agencies to utilize this contract. This contract allows the City to receive a discount of 26% off the manufacturer’s list price.

Respectfully submitted,

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