Council Meeting of
June 19, 2007

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services/Public Works – Authorize Purchase Order for Bobcat S250 Skid-Steer Loader as a cooperative purchase with State of California.
Expenditure: $48,053.12 (Includes sales tax, delivery fee and State contract service charge)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services and Public Works Directors recommend that the City Council authorize a purchase order with the Bobcat Company of West Fargo, North Dakota, in the amount of $47,120.14, including sales tax. Pricing is based upon a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of California, for which a 1.98% service charge is payable to the State in the amount of $932.98.

Funding

Funding has been allocated for this purchase in FEAP # 579, the purchase of a Multi-Function Bobcat with Attachments for performance of multi-functional maintenance and construction tasks.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Water Operations Division of the Public Works Department requires this item of equipment in order to perform excavation work in confined areas. The versatility of a Bobcat loader, along with the various attachments that are included with the Bobcat make this item of equipment the ideal solution to the myriad of challenges faced when performing water system excavation projects in alleyways and other areas where traditional heavy equipment cannot be used.

In order to ensure that the City is maximizing vehicle emissions reductions wherever possible, staff explored the possibility of acquiring this item of equipment in an alternative fuel version (Propane, Natural Gas, etc). Unfortunately this item is only available in a diesel version. The vehicle is however fully compliant with all California Air Resources Board (CARB) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) regulations. The vehicle is outfitted with a diesel exhaust particulate filter which greatly reduces diesel soot.

The State of California General Services Administration (GSA) has an existing California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) contract with the Bobcat 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 suggested list price.

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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