

Council Meeting of
September 25, 2007

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: General Services & Fire Department – Sole-source purchase and installation of one (1) Paramedic Rescue Truck Body

Expenditure: \$47,509.84 (includes sales tax)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services Director and the Fire Chief recommend that the City Council authorize award of a sole-source purchase order to Phenix Enterprises, Inc. of Pomona, California, in the amount of \$47,509.84, for the purchase and installation of one (1) Paramedic Rescue Truck Body.

Funding

Funding for this purchase is available in FEAP 513, Fire Paramedic Rescue Unit.

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2007 the City Council authorized the addition of a fifth (5th) Paramedic Rescue Truck for the Torrance Fire Department. These vehicles are comprised of a very specialized Paramedic Rescue Truck Body mounted onto a cab and chassis. On June 26, 2007 the City Council approved purchase of the cab and chassis for this vehicle. A 2008 Ford F450 Supercab and Chassis was subsequently ordered and will soon be delivered to the City. Following receipt of the cab and chassis, the vehicle will then be delivered to Phenix Enterprises, who will then build and install the truck body.

ANALYSIS

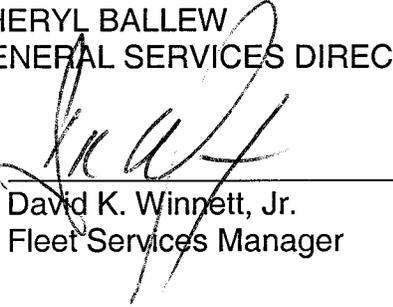
Staff recommends that this truck body be acquired through a sole-source purchase from Phenix Enterprises. Phenix Enterprises has been the City's vendor of choice for the last several evolutions of Paramedic Truck replacements. These truck bodies are customized, with very few truck body manufacturers capable of manufacturing these units. Phenix Enterprises' nearest competitor is located in Colorado, thus creating impractical logistical issues that would not prove cost-effective.

Torrance Municipal Code, SECTION 22.3.17. EXCEPTION; SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASES, paragraph b) 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."

Respectfully Submitted,

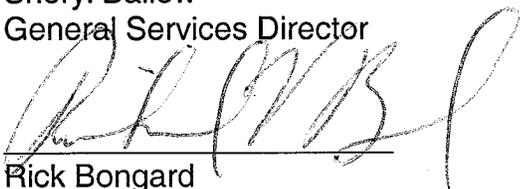
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GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

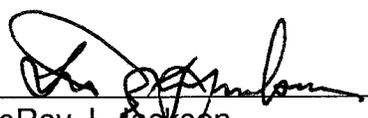
By 

David K. Winnett, Jr.
Fleet Services Manager

CONCUR:


Sheryl Ballew
General Services Director


Rick Bongard
Fire Chief


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager