

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services-Library Division – Purchase of new earthquake-braced shelving for the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library

Expenditure: \$289,720.04

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the City Council authorize the purchase of new earthquake-braced shelving for the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library from Yamada Enterprises of Huntington Beach, California, in the amount of \$289,720.04.

Funding

Funding is available in FEAP 327-Katy Geissert Library Remodeling Project.

BACKGROUND

The Katy Geissert Civic Center Library will undergo a remodel of its first floor beginning in July 2008. Included will be new public restrooms, carpet, ceiling panels, furniture, and shelving. Both the upper and lower levels of the Civic Center Library have recently been remodeled; this final phase will ensure the first floor is up to date and to code.

The current shelving is inadequate to contain the Library's vast collection, nor can it be earthquake-braced due to the nature of its construction. The Library wishes to install Montiel Aetnastak Steel Library Bookstacks, which is the same shelving that was installed on the other two levels of the building. This will allow the interchange and substitution of shelving components between the floors, if required, for maximum flexibility.

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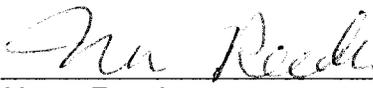
“(a) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to purchases of sole-source services or property, which purchases shall be made in accordance with such procedures and regulations as shall be established by the City Manager.

(b) For purposes of this Section, "sole-source purchases" shall mean 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 shall be made where to do so would show favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud or corruption, or result in the waste of public funds, but shall be used only to obtain the best economic result for the public."

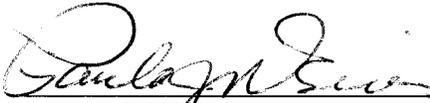
Yamada Enterprises is offering pricing which results in a 61% discount; they are the only company in Southern California that carries the Montiel Aetnastak Steel Library Bookstacks brand.

Respectfully submitted,

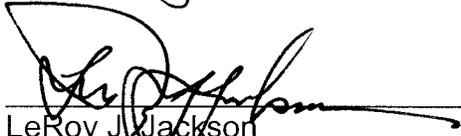
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