

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Public Works – Approve a Purchase Order for the sole source purchase of rotary broom parts on an as needed basis. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$35,000.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to American Rotary Broom Company of Escondido, California, in the amount not to exceed \$35,000, for the sole source purchase of rotary broom parts for our street sweepers on an as needed basis, from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Funding

Funding is available in the Public Works Department FY 2008/2009 Operating Budget.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

For more than 25 years the Public Works Department has purchased rotary broom parts (broom wire, gutter brooms and main brooms) for the City's street sweepers from American Rotary Broom Company on an as needed basis. American Rotary Broom is the only local company that is able to provide us with street sweeper broom materials required for our various sweepers at competitive prices. In addition, American Rotary Broom is certified by the California Integrated Waste Management Board as the only company in the industry that recycles 100% of their products. American Rotary Broom also offers its customers free delivery and pick up of broom materials.

- A. The Torrance Municipal Code, (Section 22.3.17.b), (EXCEPTIONS, SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASES) states the provisions of this Article will not apply to purchases of sole-source services or property, which purchases will be made in accordance with such procedures and regulations as will be established by the City Manager.

B. 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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