

Council Meeting of
March 24, 2009

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services – Award a Purchase Order to Furnish and Deliver chemicals to the Victor E. Benstead Plunge.

**Expenditure: Annual not-to-exceed amount \$44,812.63
Ref. Bid: B2009-08**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize the award of a Purchase Order to JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Torrance, CA to furnish and deliver chemicals to the Victor E. Benstead Municipal Plunge.

Funding

Funding is available in the Parks and Recreation Enterprise Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Victor E. Benstead Municipal Plunge operates year-round and requires 35,000 gallons of Sodium Hypochlorite annually. This chemical is required to properly treat the pool water and maintain standards within L.A. County Health Department guidelines.

Formal bids to purchase chemicals are properly held and purchase orders entered into as needed. The current purchase order with Fuller Engineering ends March 31, 2009.

ANALYSIS

Formal bids for chemicals to be furnished and delivered to the Victor E. Benstead Municipal Plunge were opened on February 26, 2009. Five bids were received and reviewed by Purchasing staff.

Bid results are as follows:

Vendor	Total Bid
JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. Torrance, CA	\$44,410.63
Fuller Engineering, Inc. Anaheim, CA	\$48,117.13
Waterline/PSOC Santa Ana, CA	\$51,711.60
Basic Chemicals Solutions Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$57,680.21
Del Rey Chemical Company Walnut, CA	\$102,047.38

The lowest responsible bidder was JCI Jones, a Torrance vendor. Please note that the bid amount and the actual amount being requested for the purchase order varies to account for a 1% sales tax increase beginning April 1, 2009, that was not reflected in the initial bid. This 1% applies only to the materials being purchased and equals \$402, bringing the purchase order request total to \$44,812.63.

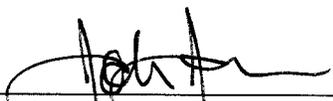
JCI Jones Chemicals has agreed to a second and third year renewal of the purchase order with price, terms and conditions unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN JONES
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

By 
Richard Brunette
Recreation Services Manager

CONCUR:


John Jones
Community Services Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager