

Council Meeting of
July 7, 2009

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Fire Department - Authorize purchase order for paramedic medical and pharmaceutical supplies. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$65,000.00 (Includes sales tax)

Ref: City of Berkeley CA Specification # 09-10348-C

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to Bound Tree Medical, LLC of Dublin, Ohio to furnish paramedic medical and pharmaceutical supplies on an as requested basis for a period of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed \$65,000, with an option to extend for an additional period up to a maximum of five years for a combined total of \$325,000.

Funding

Funding for the first year is available in the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund Budget for fiscal year 2009-10. It is anticipated that funding will be available in subsequent years.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

Since the inception of the Paramedic Program in Los Angeles County, fire department paramedic units restocked their medical and pharmaceutical supplies from the various base station hospitals at no expense to the fire departments providing these services. Effective January 1, 1998, Fire Departments were no longer allowed to restock supplies from local hospitals. Since that time, the Torrance Fire Department has developed its own medical and pharmaceutical re-supply system.

This purchase order will secure the paramedic supplies needed for the provision of the Emergency Medical Services.

On December 13, 2008, the City of Berkeley, CA issued a formal Invitation to Bid and closed the bid on January 29, 2009. Eight bids were received and the City of Berkley awarded a Purchase Order to Bound Tree Medical, LLC of Dublin, Ohio.

Bound Tree Medical, LLC extended to City of Torrance the same contract terms, prices and discounts as the City of Berkeley, CA. The City will realize a substantial savings in the purchase of these items by participating in this cooperative purchase. It is staff's opinion that this purchase falls under the Cooperative Purchases Exception of Torrance Municipal Code Section 22.3.15

"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 will 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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Fire Chief



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CONCUR:



William Racowski
Fire Chief



LeRoy J. Jackson
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