

Council Meeting of  
July 13, 2010

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services - Sole-Source Purchasing Agreement to furnish  
Peterbilt brand repair parts from Rush Truck Center**

**Expenditure Not To Exceed: \$120,000.00**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that the City Council authorize a sole-source purchasing agreement with Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, to furnish Peterbilt brand repair parts. The purchasing agreement will cover a 12-month term, beginning August 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2011.

**Funding**

Funding is available in the Fleet Services Operating Budget (Warehouse Inventory Account).

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Fleet Services Warehouse provides repair parts for the City's Refuse Trucks, all of which are designed around Peterbilt truck chassis'. Peterbilt operates a large Peterbilt Truck dealership network, with locations throughout California. Rush Truck Center is one of those dealerships and is the authorized regional dealer for the City of Torrance. PACCAR Parts/Peterbilt Parts does not allow other dealers to sell parts into other dealers AOR (Area of Representation.) Given the City's requirement for original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts, Rush Truck Center is a sole-source vendor.

The Torrance Municipal Code, "SECTION 22.3.17. EXCEPTIONS; SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASES" states:

"a) 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,

SHERYL BALLEW  
GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

By

  
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David K. Winnett, Jr.  
Fleet Services Manager

CONCUR:

  
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Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director

  
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LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager