

Council Meeting of
June 20, 2006

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Sole-Source Purchasing Agreement with Rush Truck Center, to purchase Paccar/Peterbilt brand repair parts on an as-needed basis.

Expenditure Not To Exceed: \$60,000 (includes tax)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Services Director recommends that the City Council authorize a Purchasing Agreement with Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the Sole-Source purchase of Paccar/Peterbilt brand repair parts. The purchasing agreement will cover a 12-month term, beginning August 2, 2006 and ending August 1, 2007.

Funding

Funding for Paccar/Peterbilt brand repair parts is available in the Fleet Services FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008 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'. Paccar/Peterbilt operates a large Peterbilt Truck dealership network, with locations throughout California. Rush Truck Center is one of those dealerships. The City of Torrance is located within the region covered by Rush Truck Center. Given the City's requirement for original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts, Rush Truck Center is the sole-source vendor.

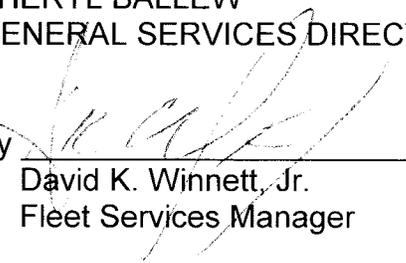
The Torrance Municipal Code, SECTION 22.3.17. EXCEPTIONS; SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASES states:

“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,

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GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

By 

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CONCUR:


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General Services Director


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