

Council Meeting of  
May 17, 2011

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: General Services and Police – Authorize purchase of a 2011  
Freightliner Sprinter Cargo Van**

**Expenditure: \$49,333.25**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Chief of Police that City Council authorize a purchase order to Golden Gate Truck Center of Oakland, CA, in the amount of \$49,333.25 (including sales tax, fire and delivery fees) for the purchase of one (1) new and unused model year 2011 Freightliner "Sprinter" Cargo Van. (B2011-18)

Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2010-2011 Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

**BACKGROUND**

Vehicle to be replaced is as follows:

Vehicle #	Year, Make, Model	Mileage	Condition
7717	2007 Chevy Tahoe	43,552	Totaled

Torrance Police Department command staff recommends that the vehicle going out of service, a 2007 Chevy Tahoe that was totaled in a pursuit last year, be replaced with a cargo van capable of supporting the expanded mission requirements of the department's Forensic Identification Specialist (FIS) unit. Accordingly, the Freightliner "Sprinter" series cargo van best meets that need. Featuring a high ceiling walk-in style cargo area, this van will ideally support on-scene evidence collection efforts and provide for a secure temporary storage platform, thereby further enhancing the department's investigative capabilities.

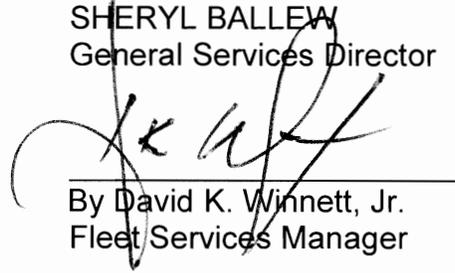
**ANALYSIS**

Bid packets were sent to seventeen (17) known Freightliner dealers. On April 28, 2011, formal bids were opened and the City received only one (1) bid. Staff contacted the dealers that did not submit a bid and learned that Golden Gate Truck Center of Oakland, CA is the only Freightliner dealer authorized to sell the Freightliner Sprinter Cargo Van in the state of California. Following is the bid received from Golden Gate Truck Center.

Vendor	Total Bid
Golden Gate Truck Center Oakland, CA	\$49,333.25

Respectfully submitted,

SHERYL BALLEW  
General Services Director

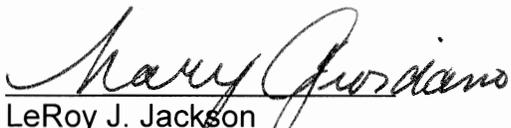


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