



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

August 16, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Placer Fire Equipment, Inc., for the purchase of three Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Support Vehicles and one Dive Support Unit on the same terms and conditions as are afforded to San Luis Obispo County, in an amount not to exceed \$981,909, including tax. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is being requested to enter into a contract for the purchase of three Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) units and one Dive Support Unit as part of the City's Fiscal Year 2004 (FY 04) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. These units will be assigned to the Fire Department and will be an addition to the Fleet. The purchase price for the four units is \$981,909, including tax.

The UASI Grant provides assistance to agencies to address the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of large urban areas, and to assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. These units will provide the City with an enhanced capacity to respond to Multi-Casualty Incidents. The three MCI units will be identical and will be designed to decontaminate and medically treat 100 patients each. These units will be equipped to handle exposures from chemical and biological attacks, and provide additional protective equipment for Fire personnel, along with decontamination materials.

The Dive Support Unit is designed to support dive operations unique to the City of Long Beach and harbor areas. Diving within the Port of Long Beach relative to ship security has increased significantly and the Dive Support Unit has been designed to facilitate not only the Port Dive Operations Group (consisting of a number of outside agencies involved in the Port Diving effort) but also the management of these operations which can involve as many as 50 people including divers and support personnel. The unit will

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also be used to support a wide variety of significant events such as aircraft accidents that occur in the coastal region of not only Long Beach but to assist mutual aid requests within other jurisdictions. These units will be located throughout the City.

The City Charter provides an alternative procurement method by permitting the City to purchase or otherwise obtain services, supplies, materials, equipment and labor with other governmental agencies by purchasing under their contracts on a voluntary and selective basis when authorized by a Resolution of the City Council. The Department of Public Works, Fleet Services Bureau, investigated procurement options and learned that San Luis Obispo County, California, completed a competitive bid process for fire support units and has a purchase order with Placer Fire Equipment, Inc., that meets the City's needs. This cooperative purchase agreement will facilitate the timely acquisition of the fire support units and provide cost benefits to the City.

Placer Fire Equipment, Inc., has agreed to sell four (4) fire support units to the City of Long Beach under the same terms and conditions as are afforded to San Luis Obispo County, California, in an amount not to exceed \$981,909, including tax. The Matrix Fleet Study completed in 2004 supports the use of cooperative purchase agreements and adherence to a long-term replacement plan.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on July 21, 2005 and by Budget Officer David Wodynski on August 9, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The current FY 04 UASI grant deadline for delivery of the units is November 30, 2005. A six-month extension to the deadline is currently being requested by the Fire Department.

City Council action is requested at the August 16, 2005 City Council meeting to ensure that the fire support units are built and received prior to the revised May 31, 2006 deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

The expected payment of \$981,909 is grant-funded and budgeted in the Fleet Services Fund (IS 386) in the Public Works Department (PW). The ongoing fuel and maintenance costs associated with these vehicles are unknown at this time but are expected to be minimal after taking delivery during FY 06. Support costs for the three MCI vehicles will be absorbed within the General Fund (GP), while costs for the Dive Support Unit will be absorbed within the Tidelands Fund (TF) in the Fire Department (FD) during FY 06.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



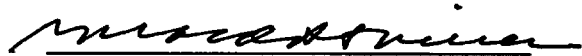
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APPROVED:

Attachment



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CITY MANAGER

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