



CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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August 24, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Adopt Specifications No. PA-01804 and Award a Contract to Oshkosh Truck Corporation to Furnish and Deliver an Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Vehicle (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Airport Bureau and Fire Department are requesting authorization to purchase a 3,000-gallon Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle. This vehicle will replace the current unit which is 19 years old and in deteriorating condition. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standard for replacement of Aircraft Rescue Firefighting units is 10 years. The unit must be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to respond quickly to emergencies.

The unit proposed would be funded through an FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant that will cover 45 percent of the cost, with the remaining 55 percent funded through Airport Passenger Facility charges. There will be no impact on the General Fund.

The FAA sets requirements for airports for firefighting capability based on the type of aircraft operations. These vehicles must meet certain response times and also must carry an assortment of rescue equipment designed specifically for ARFF operations. The existing ARFF unit has water and foam firefighting capabilities only. The replacement unit will also have dry chemical agent capabilities, which is becoming standard for fire suppression in the airport industry.

An option to include the purchase of additional units is included in the contract, in the event that additional FAA funds or grants are available to the Long Beach Airport. The term of option for the additional units' purchase is one year after the most recent delivery. The FAA has recommended replacement of the second ARFF vehicle; therefore, the Airport intends to use AIP entitlement funds in FY 05 to purchase a second identical ARFF vehicle.

The bid was advertised on May 20, 2004, and bids were opened on July 2, 2004. The bid document was made available from the Purchasing Division located on the Plaza Level of City Hall and the Division's website at www.lbpurchasing.org. Five potential bidders specializing in aircraft rescue firefighting vehicles were notified by e-mail via BidsOnLine: none are Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE), one is a Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), and none are Long Beach businesses. A bid announcement was also included on the Procurement Hotline and in the Purchasing Division's weekly update of Open Bid Opportunities sent to 32 local, minority and women's groups. Oshkosh Truck Corporation, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, was the lowest responsible bidder.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on May 13, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 2, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to adopt Specifications No. PA-01804 and award a contract concurrently is requested on August 24, 2004, to ensure that the ARFF vehicle is purchased in an expeditious manner to protect the Long Beach Airport.

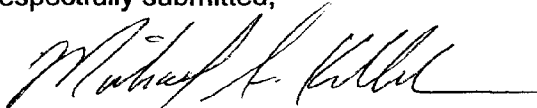
FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the vehicle is \$814,209, plus tax, and up to 10 percent additional for unanticipated costs, if necessary, and is budgeted in the Airport Fund (EF 320) in the Public Works Department (PW). The source of funds includes an FAA AIP grant and Airport Passenger Facility charges.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) Adopt Specifications No. PA-01804 and award a contract to Oshkosh Truck Corporation to furnish and deliver an aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle in the amount not to exceed \$814,209 plus tax, and up to 10 percent additional for unanticipated costs.
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract in order to purchase an additional unit for the Airport in accordance with the terms required to exercise the option in FY 05, if funding is available through the FAA or other grant sources.

Respectfully submitted,



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