



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager to execute a contract with Mathews Machinery, Inc. for the purchase of one wheel loader tractor on the same terms and conditions as are afforded to the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) contract in an amount not to exceed \$178,443 for the current fiscal year. (Citywide)

City Council approval is being requested to enter into a contract for the purchase of one wheel loader tractor as part of the City's multi-year vehicle replacement plan. The new wheel loader tractor will replace one Volvo wheel loader manufactured in 1996, which is nine years of age. The budgeted replacement cycle of a wheel loader is six years. The existing unit is utilized by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Maintenance and Development Bureau to perform beach maintenance. The unit is used on a daily basis to keep storm drain channels accessible, build berms to protect residential areas and clean debris from the beach. Over the life of the vehicle, the constant use and the exposure to the salt water and sand has resulted in excessive rusting, which can no longer be repaired in a cost effective manner. The purchase price for one unit is \$178,443.

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 the DSCP Contract completed a competitive bid process for a wheel loader tractor and has a purchase order with Mathews Machinery, Inc., that meets the City's needs. This cooperative purchase agreement will facilitate the timely acquisition of the loader and provide cost benefits to the City.

Mathews Machinery, Inc., has agreed to sell one wheel loader tractor to the City of Long Beach under the same terms and conditions as are afforded to the DSCP Contract in an amount not to exceed \$178,443. The agreement provides the option to purchase additional units in FY 06 and FY 07 based on future needs and funding availability. The Matrix Fleet Study also 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 May 6, 2005 and Budget Officer David Wodynski on May 25, 2005.

City Council action is requested at the June 7, 2005 City Council meeting to ensure that the wheel loader tractor is received as soon as possible, due to the volume of beach maintenance work required in the summer months.

The cost of \$178,443 is budgeted in the Fleet Services Fund (IS 386) and the Public Works Department (PW). The replacement and operating costs of the unit are funded through the fleet equipment charges of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Tidelands Operating Funds.

Approve recommendation.

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