



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: July 9, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief, 805-681-5507
Director(s)
Contact Info: Diane Sauer, Fiscal Manager, 805-681-5505

SUBJECT: Fire Apparatus Procurement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing
As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) For the purchase of two (2) Type I fire engines and 1 ambulance, pursuant to County Code § 2-39 waive competitive bidding by the County of Santa Barbara and instead authorize the County Purchasing Agent to purchase this equipment as sole source procurements without being required to conduct a formal bid process; and
- b) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(4) that the above fiscal activity is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to purchase two (2) Type I fire engines (also referred to as fire pumpers or structure engines) at approximately \$705,000 each as a sole source procurement from Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation (KME) and one (1) ambulance at approximately \$190,000 as a sole source procurement from Leader Industries.

The recommended action will allow the Fire Department to obtain apparatus that are standardized with the current fleet, resulting in efficiencies with parts, maintenance and operation of the apparatus. The

functional controls on the apparatus can be similarly located and provide identical function, thus improving interoperability for firefighters working on any of these units. This improves firefighter safety and efficiency during operation of these vehicles.

Background:

Due to operational safety and efficiency considerations, the Fire Department has been striving to standardize the fleet of vehicles, especially the emergency response vehicles. KME has provided the Type I engines for the department for several years now and Leader has provided the ambulances. Both vendors and their apparatus have proven to be reliable. Staff continually evaluate the various vendors and apparatus on the market and have found that KME and Leader continue to meet the needs of the Fire Department's emergency response mission.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative: The two Type I fire engines and the ambulance are part of the County's Vehicle Operations Internal Service Fund and as such, Fire funds have been accumulated over a number of years to cover the projected cost of the replacement vehicles. Any shortfall in the amount of funds accumulated over the years for the engines and ambulance are covered by a transfer from the Fire Department to the Vehicle Operations Fund.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board, please send copy of minute order to:

- 1) Diane Sauer, Fiscal Manager, Fire Department
- 2) Sylvester Donelson, Chief Procurement Officer, General Services

Authored by:

Diane Sauer, Fiscal Manager

cc: