



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: August 26, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michael W. Dyer, Fire Chief 805-681-5507
Director(s)
Contact Info:

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:

1. For the purchase of one (1) Type I fire engine, two (2) Type III fire engines and one (1) crew transport vehicle, 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 based on competitive bids completed by other California agencies.
2. 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 make these purchases by using competitive bids conducted by Orange County, Santa Barbara City, Los Angeles County and/or other governmental entities that have conducted competitive bidding processes for these fire engines and transport vehicle.

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, for several years now, been striving to standardize the fleet of vehicles, especially the emergency response vehicles. This has historically been accomplished through sole source procurements or when available, by “piggybacking” on competitive bids conducted by other governmental agencies.

The utilization of “piggyback” purchases also creates efficiencies in the purchasing process by eliminating redundant bidding processes and timelines for apparatus that have already gone through a competitive bid. In addition, there is often a cost benefit due to favorable pricing derived from competitive bids conducted by larger governmental agencies that often purchase a larger volume of equipment over multiple years.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative: The 3 fire engines are part of the County’s Vehicle Operations Internal Service Fund and as such, funds have been accumulated over a number of years to cover the projected cost of the replacement engines. Any shortfall in the amount of funds accumulated over the years for these engines will be covered by a transfer from the Fire Department to the Vehicle Operations Fund. The crew transport vehicle has been budgeted as part of the Wildland Fire Preparedness (Drought) Funding Plan submitted to the Board as an Administrative item on the August 19, 2014 agenda.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

Authored by:

cc: