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PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF ONE FREIGHTLINER TRUCK WITH BREATHING AIR REFILLING CAPABILITIES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$308,110.78**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council suspend formal competitive bidding and adopt the attached Resolution for the purchase of one Freightliner truck with a Super Vac Manufacturing Co., Inc. breathing air apparatus body. The Resolution also authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary purchase from Super Vac Manufacturing Co., Inc., 1303 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Loveland, Colorado 80537, in a total amount of \$308,110.78.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Robert Summersett, Fleet Management Superintendent, 433-6309  
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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** June 13, 2000

**SUMMARY:**

The Maintenance Services Division (Fleet Operations) has a requirement to purchase a replacement truck with breathing air bottle refilling capabilities for the Fire Department. This report recommends that City Council suspend formal competitive bidding for the purchase of one Freightliner truck with a Super Vac Manufacturing Company, Inc. apparatus body in order to obtain it in an expeditious time frame.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Maintenance Services Division's (Fleet Operations) FY1999-2000 budget provides for the replacement of a breathing air truck for use by the Fire Department. Currently, the Fire Department is operating two trucks for the purpose of refilling breathing air bottles used by firefighters whenever they encounter contaminated air. One of the trucks is due for scheduled replacement due to age and condition, and no longer meets the needs of the Fire Department.

New building code requirements for higher buildings require the ability of an auxiliary air source to pump high pressure air to bottle fill stations in the buildings. For older buildings, high-pressure air must be pumped to portable air bottle refilling stations carried into the building by firefighters. Only one of the City's air trucks has this capability.

Super Vac Manufacturing Company, Inc. supplied the City's current truck that meets the above requirements. They have offered the City a demonstration unit that will be available for delivery to the City of Sacramento in September of 2000. This truck has the same compressor and air bottle filling system as the City's current truck, simplifying training of apparatus operators in the very critical process of filling the high-pressure bottles with clean, fresh air. It will also allow operators of one truck/compressor system to use the other with little cross-training. Maintenance and parts staff are already familiar with the current unit and little additional training will be necessary for the new unit. No other vendors have offered units that would be available for delivery within the near future. Normal delivery time for this type of unit is about one year.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Sufficient funds are available for this purchase in the Maintenance Services Division's (Fleet Operations) FY 1999-2000 budget line for replacement vehicles.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Ongoing administrative and maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public works construction project, do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061 (b)(1), 15783(b)(3).

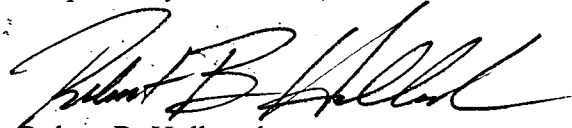
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This recommendation is in accordance with the provisions of City Code Section 57.04.401(c), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

Super Vac Manufacturing Co., Inc. is not a certified E/SBE firm. As this is a sole source purchase, efforts regarding E/SBE participation are not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert B. Holbrook  
Procurement Services Manager

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

1 Attachment

**APPROVED**

JUN 13 2000

OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-327**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE FREIGHTLINER TRUCK WITH  
BREATHING AIR REFILLING CAPABILITIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:**

1. In the best interest of the City of Sacramento, formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of one Freightliner truck with breathing air apparatus body for use by the Fire Department, and;
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary purchase from Super Vac Manufacturing Co., Inc., 1303 E. 11th Street, Loveland, Colorado 80537, in a total amount of \$308,110.78.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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