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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** OH-58 HELICOPTER REFURBISHMENT - SUSPEND FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND APPROVE AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT WITH ARROW FALCON EXPORTERS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,912 (2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-wide.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the City Council suspend competitive bidding and award Arrow Falcon Exporters, Inc., a contract in the amount of \$164,912 to refurbish, rebuild, and overhaul one (1) City of Sacramento Bell Helicopter, Model OH-58, serial number 70-15081.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Lieutenant Brian Louie, Office of Operations, 277-6069

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** September 8, 1998

**SUMMARY:**

This report recommends that an agreement with Arrow Falcon Exporters, Inc. be approved, which will allow the Sacramento Police Department to refurbish and then place into service a second patrol helicopter. The refurbishment and use of a second helicopter was previously approved and adopted by the Sacramento City Council (Resolution No. 97-585 dated October 21, 1997-attached).

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The Police Department will utilize this second helicopter for airborne law enforcement within the City. The use of this second helicopter will increase overall airborne patrol time because one helicopter will be flight ready and available always. The additional availability is needed when one helicopter is unavailable due to maintenance or repairs. Additionally, as situations may dictate, we could place both helicopters into patrol service for emergencies and special events. The added airborne patrol time will positively affect police response to crimes in progress, vehicular and pedestrian pursuits, suspect apprehensions, missing person searches, and areas inaccessible to foot and ground vehicle patrols. It is anticipated this project will further reduce response times, increase arrests, and benefit all law enforcement operations.

This project will be financed with funds derived from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety Program established through AB 3229. The amount for the project services should not exceed \$164,912.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City does not have the ability to provide the services described in the refurbishment proposal. It was recommended that the City retain a vendor to provide refurbishment and overhaul services for the project.

The City solicited proposals from qualified vendors to provide refurbishment services by releasing an RFP on May 20, 1998. Three proposals were returned on the closing date of July 24, 1998. The three firms were interviewed. The bid amounts are summarized below. The unanimous choice of the selection panel was Arrow Falcon Exporters, Inc.

<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Proposal Amount</u>
Garlick Helicopters, Inc.	\$148,755.84
Arrow Falcon Exporters, Inc.	\$164,912.00
Infinity Aviation, Inc.	\$165,816.72

Arrow Falcon Exporters, Inc. is the lowest "responsible bidder" as defined in City Code 57.01.102. Garlick Helicopters, Inc. did submit the lowest bid, however, they are considered "non-responsible bidder" per City Code 57.01.102(a)(iv) and (vi), due to the ongoing legal issues involving the company.

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Additionally, staff recommends that competitive bidding be suspended due to the changes in insurance requirements from the time the RFP was issued until the drafting of the agreement. As the changes were made to a substantive section of the terms and conditions of the bid, it would be in the best interest of the City to suspend competitive bidding in order to avoid a claim or litigation by any of the rejected bidders.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The project budget for helicopter refurbishment and overhaul is \$164,912. The unobligated fund balance as of August 25, 1998, is \$586,000 which is sufficient for the award.

**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, Section 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

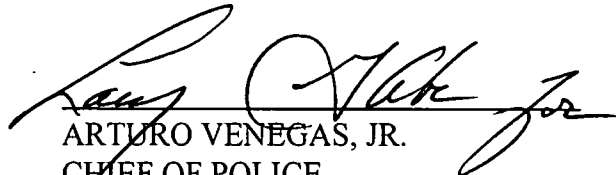
The action requested herein is consistent with Sacramento City Code, Title 57.

**MBE/WBE EFFORTS:**

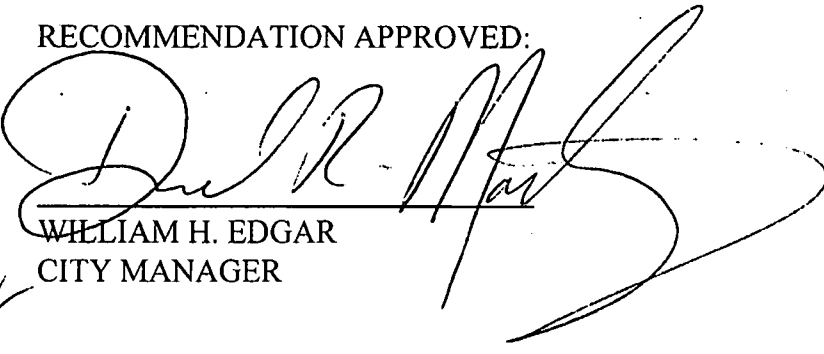
The responsible bidders are not MBE/WBE firms.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.  
CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

  
WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
CITY MANAGER

AV:jz  
Ref:8-27  
Attachment: Resolution No. 97-585

# RESOLUTION NO. 97-585

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF OCT 2 1997

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDING FROM CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM (ESTABLISHED THROUGH AB3229) TO ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS the City of Sacramento desires to establish a full-time police equestrian unit, maintain and expand the Police Department's helicopter unit, and remodel anticipated additional police facilities in the community to be funded in part from funds made available through the COPS program;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City Manager of the City of Sacramento, or his designated representative, is authorized on behalf of the City Council which is the governing body of the City of Sacramento, to accept COPS program funds in the estimated amount of \$894,064;
2. The funds be approved for use in establishing a full-time police equestrian unit, the operation of the Police Department's helicopter unit, and the remodeling of anticipated additional police facilities;
3. The City of Sacramento's allocation of COPS funds will be deposited into a separate Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund.

JOE SERNA, JR.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

VALERIE BURROWES

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CITY CLERK

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