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PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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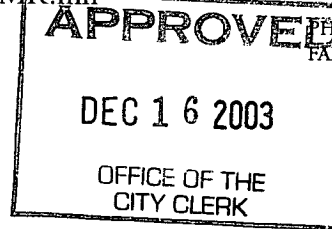
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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session



**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE REPLACEMENT TYPE III AMBULANCE AND ONE ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$197,747.12**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution which suspends formal competitive bidding for the purchase of two Type III ambulances and authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary purchase from Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc., in a total amount of \$197,747.12.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Robert Summersett, Fleet Superintendent, 433-6309  
Marc Robles, Buyer II, 433-6343

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING:** December 16, 2003

**SUMMARY:**

The Maintenance Services Division (Fleet Operations) and the Fire Department have a requirement for the purchase of one replacement Type III ambulance and one additional Type III ambulance. This report recommends that the City Council suspend formal competitive bidding and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase of two Type III ambulances from Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc., 921 Washington Blvd. #406, Roseville, CA 95678, in a total amount of \$197,747.12.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 19, 2002, the City Council awarded the contract resulting from Bid No. 1861 for the purchase of three Type III ambulances. The Maintenance Services Division (Fleet Operations) and the Fire Department have a requirement to purchase one replacement Type III ambulance and one additional Type III ambulance.

Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. was awarded the contract resulting from Bid No. 1861 and they have agreed to supply the two Type III ambulances to the City of Sacramento at the same price, terms and conditions offered over a year ago, even though they have experienced price increases totaling 4.7%, since being awarded the original contract.

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In addition to the positive results from the previous purchase, specifications by staff are turnkey. As a result of requiring complete units, little processing by Fleet staff is required prior to being placed into service for the Fire Department. The Wheeled Coach Type III ambulances are identically equipped, meaning all life saving medical equipment and supplies are placed in the same compartments and location on each unit. Since more than one ambulance will often respond to an emergency, purchasing additional Wheeled Coach Type III ambulances will ensure that paramedics are familiar with where equipment is stored, even if it is not the unit they are normally assigned. This will also provide Fleet Operations a continued familiarity of the equipment, reducing training time, and commonality and interchangeability of parts currently stocked.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Sufficient funds are available in the FY03/04 Maintenance Services Division (Fleet Operations) replacement equipment budget and the Fire Department has sufficient additional funding allocated for this purchase.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The current project has been determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under Section 15061(b)(3), which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The current proposal involves only the purchase of two Type III ambulances. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.


**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The recommendations in this report are in accordance with provisions of the City Code section 3.56.230(c), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

**ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:**

Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. is not certified as a small business by either the City of Sacramento Office of Small Business Development, or the State of California.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gustavo F. Vina  
Director of Finance

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**


  
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-879**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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



**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE REPLACEMENT TYPE III AMBULANCE AND ONE ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE**

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 replacement Type III ambulance and one additional Type III ambulance for use by the Fire Department, and;
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to issue the necessary purchase order for the purchase of one replacement Type III ambulance and one additional Type III ambulance to Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc., 921 Washington Blvd. #406, Roseville, CA 95678, in a total amount of \$197,747.12.

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MAYOR

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