

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Matthew J. Fertal	From:	Keith G. Jones
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Public Works
Subject:	PURCHASE OF THREE FIRE ENGINES FROM SOUTH COAST FIRE	Date:	September 23, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To secure City Council authorization to purchase three fire engines and approval to execute related leasing documents for the purchase.

BACKGROUND

The Fire Department has two 1987 and one 1989 Beck fire engines in need of replacement. These engines are requiring significant repairs and have questionable reliability. The equipment has become a burden to repair due to lack of parts and the fact that Beck Fire Apparatus went out of business in 1992. While there are other fire engine manufacturers that can build engines, Pierce Manufacturing provides reliability, parts availability, and standardization. Experience has shown that the City's buying power is enhanced through joining with other public agencies to purchase fleet vehicles.

ANALYSIS

The City reviewed the results of the Eugene Oregon bidding program for three Pierce Fire Engines. The lowest bidder was:

South Coast Fire	\$1,677,667.50
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This bid complies with the specifications for the City of Garden Grove fire engine requirements. This price includes all applicable tax and destination charges.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- The fire engines will be financed for 5 years with the loan being paid from the equipment replacement fund. Due to a 3% cost increase of the equipment in October, staff is moving forward with the purchase of the engines while exploring loan options.

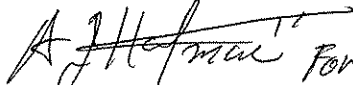
COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

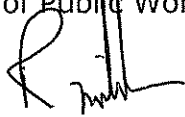
Reliable fire vehicles are essential to meeting the quality of life element for a safe community as outlined in the Strategic Plan adopted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Approve participation in the Eugene Oregon bid number **2007-00450**;
- Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order in the amount of **\$1,677,667.50**, to South Coast Fire, Ontario, California, for the purchase of three fire engines;
- Authorize the City Manager or his designee to evaluate and select a favorable lease finance arrangement, and execute all related documents on behalf of the City.


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Director of Public Works



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Approved for Agenda Listing


Matthew Fertal
City Manager