



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Fire Department
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Approved by: Armando Vergara, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT:

Sole Source Purchase of a Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Waiving the Formal Bid Process Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.220 (B) Regarding the Sole Source Purchase of the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System for the National City Fire Department, from US Digital Designs (USDD) for a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$158,504.85."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

The National City Fire Department (NCFD) plans to acquire the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System. US Digital Designs (USDD) is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System. The System provides the station alerting (including alert tones, digital displays, and digital voice dispatch) to alert and notify crews of a call response. This system will be installed at all three of National City's Fire Stations. In addition, this system is tightly integrated with the existing Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system software, radio backup systems, and other network interfaces utilized by the San Diego Fire Department Dispatching Center, whom dispatches all responses for the NCFD.

Application:

The installation of the G2 system will provide the NCFD with a modern, reliable, up to date alerting system that will have a seamless interface with the department's existing emergency dispatching center. As a result of this upgrade, crews will receive call information through a more reliable and time expedient system, allowing them to respond more quickly, efficiently, and fully informed as to the nature of the emergency. All but one agency in the Metro Zone utilize this system and the fire department's migration to this system will enhance operations throughout the Metro Zone and our Operational Area. The migration to this system will strengthen our capabilities in the NCFD's regional approach to hazard mitigation.

USDD G2 Alerting System Purchase:

As allowed by National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.220 (B) - Open market procedure—Exception to bidding requirements, the NCFD requests the purchase of a Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System from US Digital Designs (USDD), a sole source provider.

2.60.220 - Open market procedure—Exception to bidding requirements:

In any of the following instances, the city manager or purchasing agent may dispense with the requirements of bidding when any of the following applies, provided the circumstances are completely documented:

B. The commodity, regardless of value, can be obtained from only one source. Sole source procurements may be used when there is only one source from which a particular commodity is available and there is no adequate substitute. Sole source procurement may also be used when it is clear that competitive bidding will not produce any competitive advantage or would be impractical or not meet an urgent city procurement need.

(Ord. 2262 § 1 (part), 2005)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Funding in the amount of \$170,000 for this project was included in the FY 2023 budget in account 001-409-500-598-1500 (Facilities Upgrades). The equipment will cost \$158,504.85. The installation of this equipment must be done by a certified installer and will cost \$86,150, resulting in a total project cost of \$244,655. The acquisition of installation services is addressed in a separate agenda item.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Public Safety

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Sole Source Letter – USDD Phoenix G2

Exhibit B – Quote – USDD Equipment

Exhibit C – Resolution