



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Fire Department
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Meeting Date: Friday, June 30, 2023
Approved by: Armando Vergara, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT:

Sole Source Installation of the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System by Bergelectric

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 Installation of the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System for the National City Fire Department by Bergelectric for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$86,150.00 and Authorizing Additional Budget Appropriations of \$74,654.85 from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for Said Installation."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

The National City Fire Department (NCFD) plans to acquire the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System from US Digital Designs (USDD). The station alerting system (including alert tones, digital displays, and digital voice dispatch) provides alerts and notifies crews of a call response. This system will be installed at all three of National City's Fire Stations. USDD is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting system. As the manufacturer of the System, USDD requires all installation of the station-level components of the System be performed by an electrical (low-voltage) installation contractor trained and certified by USDD. USDD certification training is designed to acquaint the installer with the special features of the System, the mission critical aspects of the System, and proper installation as recommended by USDD. Installation by a G2 Certified Installer allows USDD to warrant and provide service and support for the System.

Bergelectric and its personnel have undergone USDD certified training and have current certifications from USDD. Bergelectric is currently the only G2 certified installer in the San Diego/National City area that is qualified to perform the proper installation of the System. The City's use of Bergelectric for the installation of the System in its stations will allow USDD to warranty the System and provide service and support.

The Capital Improvement Program (Facilities Major Maintenance) was approved with an adopted budget of \$170,000.00 for the purchase and installation of the System. The total cost for the purchase of the equipment is \$158,504.85 (the subject of a separate agenda item) and the total cost for the installation is \$86,150.00, for a total project cost of \$244,654.85. Therefore, there will be an outstanding balance of \$74,654.85 necessary to allocate from General Fund unassigned fund balance to complete the purchase/installation of the System.

Bergelectric G2 Alerting System Installation:

As allowed by National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.220 (B) - Open market procedure—Exception to bidding requirements, the NCFD requests the installation of the Phoenix G2 Fire Station Alerting System by Bergelectric, the only G2 certified installer in the San Diego / National City area. Funding for the installation costs of \$86,150.00 is partly being obtained from the Facilities Major Maintenance Capital Improvement Program (i.e. \$11,495.15). Staff recommends approving the establishment of additional appropriations in the amount of \$74,654.85 from General Fund unassigned fund balance and waiving the formal bid process pursuant to NCMC Section 2.60.220 (B) for the sole source installation of the Phoenix G2 Station Alerting System for the NCFD by Bergelectric.

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:

Approval of this item will reduce General Fund unassigned fund balance by \$74,654.85.

001-409-500-598-1500 (Facilities Upgrades) – \$11,495.15 (already appropriated)

001-409-500-598-1500 (Facilities Upgrades) - \$74,654.85 (additional requested appropriations)

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 – Bergelectric

Exhibit B – Bergelectric Agreement

Exhibit C – Quote – Bergelectric Installation

Exhibit D – Resolution