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May 19, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS
TO REPLACE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the solicitation for bids to replace seven maintenance equipment items, which are funded in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to solicit bids to acquire the replacement of the following seven maintenance equipment items, which are funded in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation:

- Class 26 Redevelopment Rig Truck
- Truck, Vacuum with Jetter, 28 Series
- Tractor, Crawler D8
- Falling Weight Deflectometer
- Truck, Stake, 13-ton Derrick
- Truck, Dump, Grade II, 4x4, Diesel with Blade and Sander
- Hydro/Jetter Truck

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to comply with the County of Los Angeles Equipment Policy (Policy) that your Board adopted on October 16, 2001. The Policy requires your Board's approval prior to County departments purchasing equipment with a unit cost of $250,000 or greater.

The following recommended items are necessary to solicit bids from which the Department of Public Works (Public Works) will support its operational needs. Your Board's approval of the recommended items and their subsequent solicitation will enable the timely acquisition of needed maintenance equipment, which will support the operational needs of Public Works.

These items are as follows:

- Class 26 Redevelopment Rig Truck
- Truck, Vacuum with Jetter, 28 Series
- Tractor, Crawler D8
- Falling Weight Deflectometer
- Truck, Stake, 13-ton Derrick
- Truck, Dump, Grade II, 4x4, Diesel with Blade and Sander
- Hydro/Jetter Truck

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), and Public Safety (Goal 5). This action will enable Public Works to continue to provide County residents with enhanced, responsive, and efficient maintenance services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The cost for this acquisition is estimated to be $2,420,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a Policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a unit cost of $250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions for purchasing. Attached is a list of the item numbers,

descriptions, financial information, and justifications for each maintenance equipment item that requires authorization to solicit bids for replacements.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to continue to perform its routine activities in a more efficient manner. Your Board's approval will allow Public Works to replace outdated maintenance equipment and continue to provide services to County residents.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Fleet Management Group.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

GF:PJM:be

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AT $250,000 AND ABOVE

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED AMOUNT	JUSTIFICATION
352R	Class 26 Redevelopment Rig Truck	$380,000	This replacement item is used in repairing and redeveloping Public Works' injection wells.
353R	Truck, Vacuum W/Jetter, 28 Series	$350,000	This replacement unit is used daily in response to complaints for removal of debris in catch basins. During each storm, it is used to clear plugged storm drains. It is also used to perform routine maintenance to clean pump stations, stilling wells, Continuous Defective Separation unit work related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance, and other routine activities.
355R	Tractor, Crawler D8	$620,000	This replacement items is used daily to clear the weeds, and reshape basin slopes at the spreading grounds. It's also used for emergency repairs of debris basins and unlined channel slopes. The D8 is greatly needed for pre-storm operations to rebuild levees and for post-storm damage assessment. The D8 is an important piece of equipment especially when used to keep timely schedules for stream alteration agreements.
359R	Falling Weight Deflectometer	$330,000	This replacement unit is needed to conduct pavement evaluations for the County's road maintenance, rehabilitation, and preservation program.
407R	Truck, Stake, 13-ton Derrick	$225,000	This replacement unit will be used by the Traffic Signal and Street Light Construction Group to perform maintenance, repairs, and replacements of larger utility poles, mast arms, and heavy signal heads on a daily basis throughout the County of Los Angeles. Both Public Works and County contract city projects will benefit from the acquisition. The unit will respond at all hours to public, police, and contract city requests.

ATTACHMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AT $250,000 AND ABOVE

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED AMOUNT	JUSTIFICATION
416R	Truck, Dump, Grade II, 4X4, Diesel W/Blade and Sander	$280,000	The replacement of this dump truck with plow blade and granular material spreader is vital to Road Maintenance Division's operations in the Castaic/Gorman area. It will provide rock fall debris removal, snow control, and road clearing operations along with standard dump truck duties during the summer. This unit will allow Road Maintenance Division to effectively perform vital services.
430R	Hydro/Jetter Truck	$235,000	This replacement unit is used for most emergency service calls such as grease, sand, odor, and root stoppages as well as for cleaning requests submitted by preventative maintenance inspection crews.