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October 9, 2007

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 TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING PROP FOR THE DEL VALLE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER HAZ MAT CITY (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

Approve the Los Angeles County Fire Department's (District's) request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of one Hazardous Materials Training prop for the Del Valle Regional Training Center (Del Valle) Haz Mat City. The training prop, including construction and installation, total approximately $950,000. This purchase request exceeds the $250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The recommended action will allow the District to continue the development of Del Valle into a regional training venue by designing, fabricating and installing a Hazardous Materials Training Prop.

The Hazardous Materials Training Prop for Del Valle will consist of a realistic tanker truck and trailer versus an automobile that will, on command, simulate leaking fuel, generate fire, and create the requirement for auto extrication.

This training instrument will enhance firefighter safety by providing real life scenarios in a controlled environment, thus allowing for the development of tactical skills and strategic decision making.

Del Valle is located at 28101 Chiquito Canyon Road in the community of Val Verde.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The District's Fiscal Year 2007-08 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding in the Del Valle ACO Account for the construction and installation of this training prop.

The District will receive reimbursement in the amount of $668,000 from the 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program and $282,000 from the 2006 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

Maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of $250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by, the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will expand the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
   Executive Office
   1320 North Eastern Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90063

2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
   Special Operations Bureau
   1320 North Eastern Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90063
   Attention: Acting Deputy Chief James Powers

3. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
   Materials Management Division
   5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
   Commerce, CA 90040
   Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief

4. Internal Services Department
   Purchasing Division
   1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102
   Los Angeles, CA 90063
   Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

For

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department