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October 22, 2024

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

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

49 October 22, 2024

Dear Supervisors:

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ONE HEAVY HAUL TRANSPORT AND ONE FREIGHTLINER HELITENDER (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval for the acquisition of one 2024 Western Star 49X Heavy Haul Transport, at a cost of approximately \$290,000, and one Freightliner Helitender at a cost of \$500,000.

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

1. Approve the District's request to authorize the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of capital asset items in excess of \$250,000, which consists of one 2024 Western Star 49X Heavy Haul Transport and one Freightliner Helitender for a total estimated cost of \$790,000.
2. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District has a 20-year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front-line service and five years of reserve service. Transport and Helitender apparatus provide wildfire suppression support for air operations and heavy equipment sections. Acquiring this apparatus will

allow the District to maintain its daily mission of protecting life, property, and the environment through the established apparatus replacement schedule.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 3.G. Internal Controls and Processes, by maximizing revenue, managing, and maximizing County assets, measuring the impact and effectiveness of our collective efforts, and enhancing County's fiscal strength through long-term planning.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District, as a Special District, is funded independently from the County's General Fund, and relies primarily on property tax revenue to provide essential fire protection and emergency medical services.

The estimated total cost of one 2024 Western Star 49X Heavy Haul Transport and one Freightliner Helitender is approximately \$790,000.

The District's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase, as well as the ongoing maintenance costs.

There is no impact to net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 2024 Western Star 49X Heavy Haul Transport and Freightliner Helitender will be significantly more efficient, effective, and updated to meet current Department of Transportation and National Fire Protection Association standards.

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 County's Purchasing Agent.

As this is a commodity purchase via ISD, a Sole Source Board notification and the Sole Source checklist are not required.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisitions are exempt from the CEQA as it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California CEQA guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action to purchase new apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safe, more efficient, and cost-effective manner which will reinforce the District's readiness when responding to local, State, and federal incidents.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to return the adopted stamped Board Letter to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Business Operations
Attention: Marissa Martin Jensen
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Marissa.MartinJensen@fire.lacounty.gov

Internal Services Department
Purchasing & Contracts Service
Attention: Gerald Plummer, Division Manager
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Suite 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
GPlummer@isd.lacounty.gov

The District's contact may be reached at (323) 881-6173.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Chief Executive Office
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Internal Services Department