



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Scott P. Johnson

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON BIDS FOR
TWO TRAILER MOUNTED PUMPS**

DATE: September 29, 2006

Approved

Ray Winer

Date

9/29/06

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

1. Report on bids and award of purchase of two trailer mounted pumps from Godwin Pumps of America, Inc. (Bridgeport, NJ), the only bidder, for a total amount not to exceed \$164,944 including tax using Urban Areas Strategic Initiative (UASI) grants.
2. Authorize the Director of Finance to:
 - a. Execute the purchase order;
 - b. Amend the purchase order to allow the purchase additional quantities of Trailer Mounted Pumps for the next twelve months subject to availability of UASI grant funding.

OUTCOME

The purchase of two (2) trailer mounted pumps will enable the City of San José to improve its preparedness and response to emergency situations such as storms and flooding, sanitary sewer blockages and overflows, storm and sanitary system failures, waterway contamination, and other emergencies requiring rapid deployment of portable pumps.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2004 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) from the Office of Homeland Security and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services provide a grant for the purchase of emergency equipment. The purchase of portable trailer mounted pumps is approved for funding through the grant as spill containment devices and water decontamination pumps.

The City of San José currently maintains a fleet of five (5) 6” emergency portable pumps. The portable pump fleet enables maintenance staff to respond to a variety of emergency conditions where backup, supplementary, or stand-alone pumping is required. However, the current portable pump fleet is inadequate in that each of the pumps are older, smaller, less reliable, and less effective than most pumps currently available. As a result, the City’s ability to respond to emergencies, where portable pumping is critical, is limited.

The new 8” and 12” portable pumps will respectively provide three and six times the pumping capacity of our existing pumps and will allow staff more flexibility and capability to deploy pumps where needed. Therefore, purchasing these two additional portable pumps will give the City a greater ability to quickly respond to emergency situations such as flooding, broken sewer pipes, or any other water or sewage events. In addition, it will also provide the City with added capability to pump and divert water and sewage over land while critical repairs are being made.

ANALYSIS

A notice inviting bids was published on September 20, 2006 on Bidline and the Demandstar Bid notification system. In addition, bid packages were e-mailed to three (3) vendors. The bids were opened on September 27, 2006. Godwin Pumps of America, Inc. submitted the only bid in the amount of \$164,944. Godwin Pumps of America, Inc.’s bid met all specifications.

Since only one bid was received, staff contacted the three vendors which received a direct email notification about the bidding opportunity. One vendor stated that they were unable to meet the delivery date. The third vendor did not respond to staff’s inquiry.

Staff recommends the award to Godwin Pumps of America, Inc., the only bidder, in accordance with the formal bidding procedures of the San Jose Municipal Code, Section 4.12.030.

Additionally, staff recommends that Council authorizes to purchase additional pumps subject to availability of UASI grant funds in case expenditures for UASI grants are less than anticipated.

POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

This bid was placed on the City of San Jose web site and on the DemandStar bid notification system. In addition, bid packages were sent to three (3) vendors.

This item does not meet any criteria listed below.

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager's Budget Office, City Attorney's Office, Office of Emergency Services, Department of Transportation, and General Services Department.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

This Council item is consistent with Council approved Public Safety CSA outcome that the public Feels Safe Anywhere, Anytime in San Jose.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Fund #	Appn. #	Appn. Name	Total Appn.	Amount for Contract	2006-2007 Proposed Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
001	3306	Urban Area Security Initiative	\$7,277,075	\$164,944	IX-12	

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Not a project.


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