



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



February 5, 2019

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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MBF INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR A SWAT EQUIPMENT VEHICLE AND APPROPRIATING \$400,000 TO THE POLICE SECTION OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The City of Chula Vista issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for qualified fabricators of specialty vehicles to provide a SWAT equipment truck for the Police Department. As a result of the RFP process, the City has selected MBF Industries Inc. to manufacture the vehicle.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable

DISCUSSION

On December 5, 2018, the City issued a Request for Proposal (# P14-18/19) for a SWAT equipment vehicle that provides the best functionality and value to meet the needs of the Police Department. Before the solicitation closed on December 18, 2018, 202 potential vendors were notified. Sixteen companies downloaded the RFP documents, and four proposals were submitted. Of these four, two of the proposals were considered non-responsive because they did not meet the City's minimum requirements. The remaining two proposals were evaluated and scored on established weighted criteria to determine the best overall value to the City. Based on the evaluation, City staff recommends to award an agreement with MBF

Industries to manufacture a SWAT equipment vehicle. City staff believes this company is experienced and staffed in a manner such that they can deliver the services required to meet the Police Department's needs.

MBF Industries offers a Re-Mountable Body, with components that have a 30+ year life span and a ten-year warranty. The MBF All Aluminum Body has a lifetime structural warranty, and the commercial chassis will likely wear out before the body. With a Re-Mountable Body, the chassis can be replaced, rather than discarding the whole vehicle, saving the customer tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The full cost of the SWAT equipment vehicle is approximately \$400,000, which includes the required chassis specifications, along with delivery and training. Estimated delivery will be approximately 11 months from purchase order date.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The purchase of a SWAT equipment vehicle supports the goal of Strong and Secure Neighborhoods by providing adequate resources to the Police Department when responding to critical calls.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The \$400,000 cost of the SWAT equipment vehicle will be paid from the available balance of Asset Seizure funds (Police Section of the Federal Grants Fund). Approval of this resolution will result in the appropriation of \$400,000 to the capital category of the Police Section of the Federal Grants Fund. This cost has no net fiscal impact to the General Fund.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for approving the agreement and purchasing the SWAT equipment vehicle.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: RFP P14-18/19 for SWAT Equipment Vehicle

Attachment 2: Agreement with MDF Industries, Inc. for SWAT Equipment Vehicle

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