



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** December 18, 2012

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Fleet Management Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval Of Emergency Purchase Order For Airport Emergency Response Vehicle

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the General Services Manager to approve an emergency purchase in the amount of \$66,071 to Palmer Johnson Power Systems for the emergency repair made to the transmission system of a highly specialized aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) vehicle, stationed at the Santa Barbara Airport.

### DISCUSSION:

Recently, the City's ARFF vehicle, number 2245, Oshkosh Striker 1500, experienced transmission failure, which placed the vehicle out of service. During the initial diagnosis, the repairs were determined to be beyond the resources of Fleet Management staff. The ARFF vehicle is a 58,000 lb. oversized vehicle, not drivable on public streets; therefore the vehicle was transported to Palmer Johnson Power Systems, LLC, in Santa Fe Springs, CA, the only factory-authorized repair facility in Southern California.

This vehicle is one of two ARFF vehicles stationed at the Santa Barbara Airport. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations require the Airport to provide aircraft rescue and fire fighting services during air carrier operations. If the second ARFF vehicle were to be incapacitated while ARFF number 2245 was being repaired, the Santa Barbara Airport would have been closed to any air carrier operations for the duration.

Palmer Johnson Power Systems technicians confirmed the transmission system failure. An estimate of \$24,154.53 was provided to disassemble the transmission and determine the extent of damage. Due to the urgent nature of this repair, an emergency sole source purchase order was issued on October 24, 2012, and the vendor was given notice to proceed with the disassembly.

Upon disassembly, metal debris was found throughout the interior of the transmission, and the hydraulic system, and the transmission torque converter had come apart. The total estimate to rebuild the existing transmission and torque converter, including the initial disassembly was \$66,071. Because of the urgent nature of this repair, the vendor was given notice to proceed.

The Purchasing Code allows staff to bypass the formal bidding processes for selecting a contractor and executing contracts in emergency situations such as this instance. The Purchasing Code also requires staff to bring the contract to Council for after-the-fact approval as soon as is practical.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

There are sufficient funds in the Fleet Management Maintenance Operations budget to cover the cost of these repairs.

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office