



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Fire Operations Division, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Sole Source Vendor For Mobile Air Compressor

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a purchase order to Bauer Compressors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 according to the Sole Source provisions of Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 4.52.070 (K) in order to fund the cost to purchase and install a Bauer K18.1 Mobile Air Compressor on the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials vehicle.

DISCUSSION:

In June 2014, the Department of Homeland Security awarded a \$657,012 grant to the Fire Department for the purchase of eighty-five complete Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) packs with face masks, spare cylinders and voice amplifiers. Technological improvements to the SCBAs have allowed for increased air pressure in the cylinders from 4,500 PSI (pounds per square inch) to 5,500 PSI. This safety improvement increases the air supply a same-sized cylinder can hold and, consequently, also increases the amount of "working time" firefighters have in a fire incident without having to carry a larger, more bulky cylinder. Implementation and use of this new equipment brings our SCBA program into 100% compliance with National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Act standards.

The mobile air compressor currently installed on the Hazardous Materials vehicle can fill SCBA cylinders only up to 4,500 PSI. This request is to replace our current mobile air compressor with the purchase and installation of an air compressor capable of filling the new 5,500 PSI cylinders. The model identified is best suited for the City's needs because it replaces another Bauer compressor that was specially configured for the fire truck. Being that Bauer Compressors, Inc. is the sole source supplier of this equipment in California, the Fire Department requests the General Services Manager issue this vendor a purchase order not to exceed \$60,000 to obtain and install this equipment on our Hazardous Materials vehicle. Bauer Compressors, Inc. will also credit us a substantial Trade-In value for our current compressor.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funding for this mobile air compressor is included in the Capital Outlay Fund – Fire Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office