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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 TRAILER MOUNTED 6000 PSI BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR SUPPLY UNITS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$142,436.50**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-wide; All districts

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which authorizes Council to suspend the City's formal competitive bidding and award a contract to Bauer Compressors, San Francisco, for the purchase of 2 trailer mounted 6000 psi breathing air compressor supply units in the total amount of \$142,436.50.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Bob Summerset, General Services, Fleet Manager, 433-6309  
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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING:** November 9, 2004

**SUMMARY:**

Sacramento City Fire Department has a requirement for 2 trailer mounted 6000 psi breathing air compressor supply units to meet the needs of the City's homeland security efforts. Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which authorizes Council to suspend formal competitive bidding and award a contract to Bauer Compressors, San Francisco, 2464 Tripaldi Way, Hayward, CA, for the purchase of 2 trailer mounted 6000 psi breathing air compressor supply units in the total amount of \$142,436.50.

**BACKGROUND:**

Historically, requirements for compressed breathing air had been primarily for fire service agencies. These agencies fill self-contained breathing apparatus for use in suppression incidents, confined space rescue, hazardous materials incidents and to power other specialized

rescue tools. Recently, however, law enforcement and other public safety agencies have been utilizing new non-lethal projectile weapons, such as pepper ball guns and certain models of bean bag weapons which utilize high pressure air to accelerate the projectile. As a result, compressed air has become necessary not only for fire operations, but also for public safety in general.

Currently the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department supplies all dedicated air compressors utilized on the McClellan facility, which is where these compressor units will be located. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire has allocated two older Bauer compressor units for the City's use, but unfortunately these units constantly have mechanical problems. The Fire Department is also having increased difficulty in obtaining repair parts and with their inability to supply the 4500 psi necessary for the modern breathing apparatus, the compressors need to be replaced.

The Bauer compressor, which has unique operator controls and air quality instruments, is the only type of compressor currently used by the City. Over 500 City employees have received specialized training on this equipment and the costs associated with retraining staff, maintaining multiple compressor inventory parts, as well as the potential risk of additional operator error to personnel and equipment, are primary reasons for purchasing the needed apparatus from Bauer.

Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which suspends formal competitive bidding and award a contract to Bauer Compressors, San Francisco, the wholly owned subsidiary of Bauer Compressors, Inc. with sole territorial responsibility for sales and services in California, for the purchase of 2 trailer mounted 6000 psi breathing air compressor supply units in the total amount of \$142,436.50.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Funding to purchase the 2 breathing air compressor supply units will come from the Homeland Security Grant Program (250-OGR-G512-4632), Fleet expenditures budget.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The current project has been determined to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), under Section 15061(b)(3), which states that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The current proposal involves only the purchase of trailer mounted breathing air compressors units. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

#### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The recommendations in this report are in accordance with provisions of the City Code section 3.56.230(c), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

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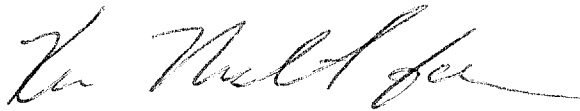
Bauer Compressor, San Francisco is not certified as an Emerging/Small Business firm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Stewart  
Procurement Services Manager

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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