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November 23, 1992

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

Subject: **URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE AGREEMENTS AND  
PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT**

City

**SUMMARY**

The City of Sacramento has been selected by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a sponsoring agency for a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. This report requests that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish an Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force for use in time of disaster. It also requests authorization to informally competitive bid or negotiate for the purchase of emergency equipment when the Task Force is activated.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency designating the City of Sacramento a sponsoring organization of an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force and, as a sponsoring organization, to enter into agreements with El Dorado Fire Protection District, Florin Fire Protection District and Sacramento County Fire Protection District and the Public Health Service. It is also recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution suspending formal competitive bidding and authorizing the city to informally competitive bid or negotiate the

purchase of emergency equipment in the event that the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force is activated.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Loma Prieta quake of 1989 brought to the forefront the need to establish a national network of available expertise to respond in emergencies of this magnitude to assist state and local agencies. In September, 1991, Sacramento was one of twenty-five agencies selected nationally to sponsor a US&R Task Force (one of eight in California). US&R is defined as specialized tactics, personnel, and equipment suited to the unique lifesaving problems presented in natural and man-made disasters.

In March, 1992, the Council approved in concept the City sponsorship of an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. As a sponsoring agency, the City is responsible for coordinating personnel and resources. The Task Force consists of a fifty-six person, multi-disciplined, self-contained unit, designed to be split into two teams working in twelve hour shifts around the clock. The Task Force is to be self-supporting for a minimum of seventy-two hours. The medical component of the Task Force will be provided by the University of California Medical Center. The California Office of Emergency Services will supply the canine specialists, structural engineers and heavy riggers. The remainder of the team will be from the Sacramento Fire Department, El Dorado Fire Protection District, Florin Fire Protection District and Sacramento County Fire Protection District.

The Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as sponsoring agency, will be responsible for organizing, training, equipping, maintaining the specialized equipment cache and mobilizing the team upon activation. The members of the Task Force have been selected from volunteers and have begun the process of training and the purchase of the technical rescue equipment under the grant. The State of California has provided some of the equipment and some equipment for the cache has been donated by private companies. The equipment to be purchased includes a range from individual backpacks to a variety of power and safety tools to highly technical search equipment. All of this equipment will be maintained and available for use by the Fire Department locally and in case of a mutual aid call within the state.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Also in March, the Council approved the allocation of available Fire Department funds to provide a matching \$50,000 for equipment purchases for a total of \$100,000. The State of California Office of Emergency Services is providing \$47,000 worth of equipment for the cache, which will be available for use by the Department. All other costs, including the equipment to be purchased in case of activation, will be fully reimbursed by FEMA.

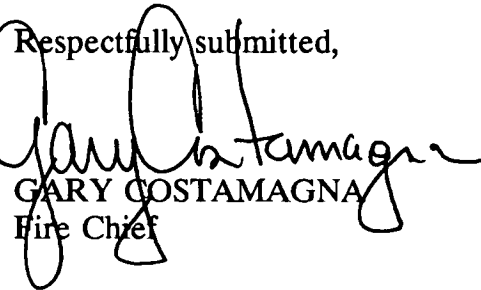
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**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

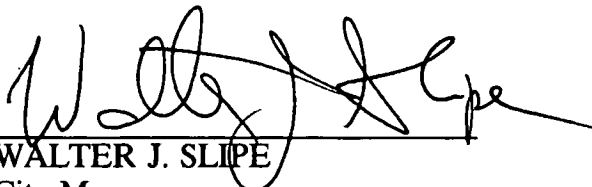
Approval of this report by the City Council will be consistent with prior City Council decisions of participating in local and statewide mutual aid and disaster assistance programs. The resolution suspending competitive bidding deviates from the City's standard formal bidding provision and requires two-thirds of all Council members voting in accordance with the provisions in the City Code 57.401(c) for non-professional services and supplies.

**MBE/WBE**

MBE/WBE consideration will be sought wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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APPROVED:

  
WALTER J. SLIPE  
City Manager

For Council Meeting of:  
December 8, 1992

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

92-890

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT IN THE EVENT THE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE IS ACTIVATED BY FEMA AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INFORMALLY COMPETITIVE BID OR NEGOTIATE THESE REQUIREMENTS AND EXECUTE THE NECESSARY CONTRACTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF ALL MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF:**

That pursuant to Section 57.401(c) of the Sacramento City Code, it is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the City to suspend formal competitive bidding for the purchase of emergency equipment and supplies required to outfit the Sacramento FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force and that the City Manager is hereby authorized to informally competitive bid or negotiate for these requirements and execute the necessary contracts.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

92-889

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,  
EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, FLORIN FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT, AND SACRAMENTO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FOR AN URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The City Manager is authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the City of Sacramento for the establishment of an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force.
2. The City Manager is authorized to sign the Memorandums of Agreement with the Public Health Service, El Dorado Fire Protection District, Florin Fire Protection District, and Sacramento County Fire Protection District as sponsoring agency for the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force.

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