




Agenda Item #:



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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Powell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:  David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Robert Espinosa, Fire Chief 
Bruce Moe, Finance Director
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager 

DATE: June 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Purchase of One Replacement Fire Engine from KME Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$562,564.74 and Donate Surplus Fire Engine to the El Camino College Fire Academy Training Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: a) award Bid #866-12 to KME Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$562,564.74 for the budgeted replacement of one fire engine and b) approve the donation of a surplus fire engine to the El Camino College Fire Academy Training Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Funds totaling \$600,000 are budgeted in the fiscal year (FY) 2011-2012 Fleet Management Fund for the purchase and equipping of this vehicle. The remaining budgeted Fleet Management funds, \$37,435.26, will be used to outfit this vehicle with the necessary safety equipment and is expected to be within the budgeted amount. The budget anticipates lease/purchasing the engine over a five year period. Since we have approximately eight months before delivery will take place, staff will obtain bids on the lease/purchase financing and will return to the City Council prior to delivery with the costs and recommendation for award.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department operates a fleet of four fire engines. This includes two front line units (a 2005 E-One Pumper with ladder and a 2000 American LaFrance Pumper), and two reserve units (a 1995 E-One Hush Teleboom and 1989 E-One Hush Pumper). The general service life of a fire engine in municipal service is twenty years (ten years as a front line unit, ten years as a reserve). Currently, our oldest fire engine is the 1989 E-One. After 23 years of emergency service, it has lost reliability and does not meet current needs for equipment and safety. In addition, parts are increasingly difficult to obtain.

Bid Recaps

A total of four bid responses were received. The comparison below shows the aggregate price, including sales tax and other fees:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
1. KME Fire Apparatus	\$562,564.74
2. Leader Industries	\$599,657.29
3. Emergency Vehicle Group	\$602,526.05
4. South Coast Fire	No Bid

Based on these bids, staff recommends awarding to the lowest bidder, KME Fire Apparatus, for the purchase of one fire engine, in the amount of \$562,564.74. If this purchase is approved, the new vehicle will arrive in approximately eight months. Staff will obtain bids on the lease/purchase financing and will return to the City Council prior to delivery with the costs and recommendation for award.

Staff recommends that the oldest unit be donated to the El Camino College Fire Academy Training Program to be used for training. In order to qualify for our entry level Firefighter testing and for our Paid Call Firefighter program, candidates must successfully complete a State certified fire academy prior to application. The majority of our newly hired employees come to us through this program. Our used fire engine would be of great value to their training efforts, and would help to ensure that they can continue to provide us with highly skilled candidates for our Fire Department and our Paid Call Firefighter program.

In the past, the City has donated vehicles and equipment to several organizations such as El Camino College, Manhattan Beach Unified School District, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Santa Rosalia, Mexico (sister city). These organizations are typically either another public agency or community organizations with limited funding sources, where our equipment has some value.

Municipal Code Section 2.36.180 requires that surplus property be disposed of for the best attainable value. Because this vehicle has some residual value which the City will forgo by donating to El Camino College, staff is requesting that the City Council approve the donation. Staff has surveyed the market for substantially similar used fire engines (make, model, age, mileage, etc.) and has determined the current value to be approximately \$17,000. A formal letter of request for this donation has been received from the college, and is attached.

Attachment: El Camino College Donation request Letter



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Thursday, May 17, 2012

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City of Manhattan Beach Fire Department
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Manhattan Beach, California

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Dear Chief Espinosa:

Thank you for your decision to donate this E-1 Hush 1989 fire engine to further community service at the El Camino College Fire Academy. We appreciate and accept your gift.

This fire engine will continue to serve the Manhattan Beach Fire Department and many other fire departments as many of the men and women we train at the El Camino College Fire Academy eventually serve the citizens as Firefighters under your direction.

This gift mutually benefits our organization's mission and purpose in that it furthers our commitment to our communities and it strengthens our ability to offer the best possible training environment, equipped with the late model equipment that you have so thoughtfully and graciously provided.

Thank you,


Chief William Melendez, Fire Academy Coordinator
On behalf of the El Camino Fire Academy



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899

11/15/81

Division of Standards
NBS
TO: 11/15/81

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the results of the investigation of the problem of the stability of the structure of the material under test.

2. The investigation was conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in the test plan. The results of the investigation are summarized in the following table.

3. The results of the investigation show that the structure of the material under test is stable under the conditions of the test.

4. The results of the investigation are consistent with the theoretical predictions.