



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 15, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Department of Public Works
 Subject: Purchase Order: Owen Equipment Sales for One Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaner Truck

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution satisfying requirements of City Charter Article XI Section 67.2 allowing the City to participate in Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) contract # 122017-FSC and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order for one Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaner with Owen Equipment Sales in an amount not to exceed \$327,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The purchase of one (1) Combination Sewer Cleaner will not exceed \$327,000 and includes CA tire fees, training and sales tax. \$230,000 in funding is available in the baseline FY2021 Clean Storm Fund (Fund 616) budget and the remaining \$97,000 is recommended for appropriation from the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund (Fund 611) in the FY 2021 Second Amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently the Sewer Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works is equipped with two Class 8 Combination Sewer Cleaning Trucks weighing 33,000 (lbs.) with three axles, and the Storm Maintenance Division is equipped with one. The purchase order will be to acquire a new shorter wheelbase Class 6 Combination Sewer Cleaning Truck weighing 26,000 (lbs.) with two axles. This addition will be utilized by both divisions to perform required maintenance and cleaning of catch basins, inlets/outlets and other storm infrastructure, and provide emergency support to the Sewer Division. Its short wheelbase design is ideal for accessing city neighborhoods located in the higher elevations, where roads are far less accessible for our Class 8 vehicles.

Approval of this item will further the Strategic Plan goal of providing state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities and being a global leader in addressing climate change and protecting the environment.

BACKGROUND

Throughout the year, the Department of Public Works purchases equipment for City Departments paid through the Equipment Replacement Fund. If a purchase request exceeds \$25,000 the Department of Finance General Services Division solicits or “piggybacks” off competitively bid contracts to ensure City Departments receive the best pricing. Each City Department pays its proportionate share into the Equipment Replacement Fund, and those funds are utilized to replace equipment at the end of its useful life.

The City of Berkeley is a member and participant of Sourcewell¹, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), and a purchasing cooperative that clusters over 50,000 government, education, and nonprofit organizations and performs over \$3 billion in annual purchases through cooperative contracts. Sourcewell provides “Government-to-Government” nationwide procurement services that strive to make the public procurement process leaner and more efficient by establishing competitively priced contracts for goods and services. Products offered through Sourcewell have been subjected to a nationwide public competitive bid process, and then made available to local governments and state agencies through Sourcewell.

On November 16, 2017 Sourcewell released Request for Proposal # 122017 for Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Street Sweeper Equipment, with Related Accessories and Supplies. The solicitation was published for approximately thirty-five days and thirty proposals were received. Upon their review, the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee selected Federal Signal Corporation as the best most responsible and responsive proposer to meet the specifications, thusly awarding Contract No. 122017-FSC.

The Federal Signal Corporation authorized dealer for Northern California is Owens Equipment Sales who provides new equipment sales, warranty work, replacement parts and services. Owen Equipment Sales is the primary contact for the City of Berkeley.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The new combination cleaner truck will be powered by renewable diesel fuel designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80%.

Consistent with the City Councils recently accepted Municipal Fleet Electrification Assessment, Public works queried the following distributor/manufacturer representatives for Owens equipment, who confirmed there is no electric versions of the truck available: Municipal Maintenance Equipment, RDO Equipment; Super Products Inc.; Jack Doheny; and Sewer Equipment Co. Further discussions with representatives

¹ <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/>

revealed the current available battery technology does not adequately provide the power necessary to operate the sewer cleaning system.

Additionally, having an additional cleaner truck will support the City's compliance with the municipal stormwater permit and help prevent debris and trash from reaching the San Francisco Bay.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Equipment is needed by the storm and sewer maintenance staff to perform required maintenance and cleaning of catch basins, particularly in areas of the City less accessible by larger equipment.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None. The Combination Sewer Cleaner Truck was reviewed and compared to several competitor brands and found to accommodate the needs of division staff.

CONTACT PERSON

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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: OWEN EQUIPMENT SALES FOR ONE COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER

WHEREAS, one Combination Cleaner is needed by the City of Berkeley Sewer Maintenance Division Staff of Department of Public to perform required maintenance and cleaning of 460 sewer Catch Basins, particularly in areas of the city with less accessibility to larger equipment; and

WHEREAS, equipment must be acquired to allow operators to efficiently and effectively carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, City Charter XI Section 67.2 allows the City to purchase goods without undergoing a competitive bid process if the City uses pricing obtained by another entity through a competitive bid process; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2017 Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) released Request for Proposal No. 122017 for Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Street Sweeper Equipment, with Related Accessories and Supplies. The solicitation was published for approximately thirty-five days and thirty proposals were received. Upon their review, the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee selected Federal Signal Corporation as the best most responsible and responsive proposer to meet the specifications, thusly awarding Contract No. 122017-FSC; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Signal Corporation authorized dealer for Northern California is Owen Equipment Sales who provides new equipment sales, warranty work, replacement parts and services; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell contract bid procedures satisfy the procurement requirements of the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$230,000 are available in the baseline Clean Storm Fund (616) and \$97,000 will be available in the FY 2021 Sanitary Sewer Operations fund (611) pending appropriation via the Second Amendment to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a purchase order for one Combination Sewer Cleaner with Owen Equipment Sales in an amount not to exceed \$327,000.