





TO: Board of Contracts and Awards

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SUBJECT: Two Type III Ambulance Medic Units
Snohomish County Fire District No. 1 Contract Purchase Order No. 17859—
November 29, 2016

DATE: November 9, 2016

SUMMARY:

The Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) requests approval to increase the contract with Braun Northwest, Inc., Chehalis, Washington, by \$327,074.00, plus tax, to a total amount of \$899,924.00, plus tax, including selected equipment options, budgeted from the Fleet Equipment Rental Capital Fund 5400-CAPTL, to purchase two more replacement type III ambulance medic units.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

These type III ambulance medic units will be assigned as frontline firefighter/paramedic staffed advanced life support (ALS) Medic One emergency transport vehicles at two of TFD’s fire stations. Competitive pricing for the vehicles is available using an existing contract between Braun NW and a Snohomish County fire district.

BACKGROUND:

TFD needs to replace the remaining two of its five existing GMC Type III ALS ambulances with new units. Through the initial order of this contract, replacements for three existing frontline units already are in construction. For each unit, the purchase includes an option for Stryker power equipped gurneys and power loading and unloading equipment identical to that purchased and installed in existing frontline vehicles.

ISSUE: TFD proposes to purchase the units from Braun NW using pricing and terms available from the existing contract between the vendor and Snohomish County Fire District No. 1.

ALTERNATIVES: The City of Tacoma could delay the purchase of these medic units. Delaying the purchase will increase current medic unit costs and reduce the reliability of eventual reserve equipment. The City could prepare its own Request for Bids for purchase. Preparing and processing our own RFB requires significant additional work and is unlikely to result in better pricing than the Snohomish County Fire District No. 1 contract currently available.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Snohomish County Fire District No. 1 contract Purchase Order No. 17859 was competitively solicited and includes the equipment to be purchased. The current contract term is valid until December 31, 2016. Through an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement, the City of Tacoma can purchase the needed equipment at the prices, terms, and conditions of this contract.



CONTRACT HISTORY: By Resolution No. 39489, passed July 12, 2016, the City Council approved the contract with Braun NW in the amount of \$556,165 plus tax plus a 3 percent contingency for a cumulative total of \$572,850 budgeted from the Fleet Equipment Rental Capital Fund for three replacement type III ALS ambulance medic units. Pricing and terms were provided from the existing contract between the vendor and Snohomish County Fire District No. 1. That contract was extended until December 31, 2016.

SUSTAINABILITY: Braun NW emphasizes recycling and environmental responsibility in all of its operations. The company uses recycled material in its construction work, encourages the installation of LED lighting in its constructed vehicles and has a ventilation system for their welding and other metalworking machines which reduces the amount of particulates released into the air.

SBE/LEAP COMPLIANCE: Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

TFD recommends that the contract with Braun Northwest, Inc., be increased by \$327,074.00 plus tax, including selected options to a cumulative total of \$899,924.00 plus tax, budgeted from the Fleet Equipment Rental Capital Fund 5400-CAPTL, to purchase two replacement type III ALS ambulance medic units.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this additional proposed purchase is \$327,074, plus applicable sales tax.

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Fleet Equipment Rental Capital General Fund 5400-CAPTL	467000	5641500	\$327,074
TOTAL			\$327,074

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Fleet Equipment Rental Assign Fees	467000	4345240	\$327,074
TOTAL			\$327,074



FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$327,074 plus tax

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.

Expenses are budgeted and covered.

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