



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 19, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Andrew Murray, Interim Director of Public Works

Subject: Purchase Order: Owen Equipment Sales for One Combination Storm Sewer Cleaner

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution satisfying requirements of City Charter Article XI Section 67.2 allowing the City to participate in Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Contract #101221-VTR and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order for one (1) Combination Storm Sewer Cleaner with Owen Equipment Sales in an amount not to exceed \$665,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The purchase of one Combination Storm Sewer Cleaner will not exceed \$665,000 and includes delivery, in-service training, licensing, registration and sales tax. Funding will be appropriated as part of the Second Annual Appropriations Ordinance in the Equipment Replacement Fund 671.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This purchase will replace unit 2319, a (2011) Class 8 Combination Storm Sewer Cleaner that has reached the end of its useful life. Replacement vehicle will be utilized by Department of Public Works Streets & Utilities Division to perform required maintenance and cleaning of catch basins, inlets/outlets, storm infrastructure, and provided emergency support for the Sanitary Sewer Division.

Additionally, the new Combination Sewer Cleaner will support the City's compliance with the municipal stormwater permit and help prevent debris and trash from reaching the San Francisco Bay.

Purchasing new Combination Sewer Cleaner and retiring the existing vehicle supports the City's Strategic Plan Goal of providing state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities and the goal of being a customer-focused organization that provides excellent, timely, easily-accessible service and information to the community.

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 a 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 Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), 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 August 24, 2021 Sourcewell released Request for Proposal # 101221 for Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Municipal Pumping Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies. The solicitation was published for approximately fifty days and twenty-two proposals were received. Upon their review, the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee selected Vactor Manufacturing as the best most responsible and responsive proposer to meet the specifications, thusly awarding Contract No. 101221-VTR.

The new Combination Sewer Cleaner will have a 2025 Freightliner 114SD Chassis and a 2100i Vactor body.

Federal Signal Corporation owns Vactor Manufacturing. The Vactor Manufacturing factory authorized dealer for Northern California is Owen Equipment Sales. Owen Equipment Sales will conduct a pre-deliver inspection and will deliver the unit to the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

Consistent with the City Councils accepted Municipal Fleet Electrification Assessment, Public Works endeavors to procure the most fuel-efficient vehicles and equipment that are suitable for the required tasks. Industry contacts confirm there are no electric versions of this specialized truck available at this time. Present battery technology does not provide the power necessary to operate the sewer cleaning system adequately.

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RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Equipment must be replaced to ensure the Public Works' equipment operators can efficiently, safely, and effectively carry out their duties and minimize vehicle down time.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None. Keeping equipment longer than its useful life results in higher maintenance costs and excessive downtimes in order to keep operating in a safe and serviceable manner.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:
1: Resolution

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

PURCHASE ORDER: OWEN EQUIPMENT SALES FOR ONE COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER

WHEREAS, one Combination Sewer Cleaner is needed by the City Sewer Maintenance Division Staff of the Department of Public Works to perform required maintenance and cleaning of catch basins, inlets/outlets, storm infrastructure, and provide emergency support for the Sewer Division; 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 August 24,2021 Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) released Request for Proposal No. 101221 for Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation, and Municipal Pumping Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies. The solicitation was published for approximately fifty days and twenty-two proposals were received. Upon their review the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee selected Vactor Manufacturing as the best most responsible and responsive proposer to meet the specifications, thusly awarding 101221-VTR; and

WHEREAS, Federal Signal Corporation owns Vactor Manufacturing. The Vactor Manufacturing factory authorized dealer for Northern California Owen Equipment Sales. Owen Equipment Sales will conduct a pre-deliver inspection and will deliver the unit to the City; and

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

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$665,000 will be available in the Equipment Replacement Fund 671 pending approval of the Second 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 \$665,000.