



Los Angeles County

Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

AGENDA

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES
(SAFE)**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MTA Headquarters
3rd Floor - Board Room
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles**

Thursday, March 25, 1999 - 9:30 AM

Call to order:

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SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES BOARD RULES

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NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA.

1. AWARD a fixed price contract to Maneri Sign Co., Inc. Gardena, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder **to install TTY signage on 4,500 call boxes** in the amount of \$126,000.

2. AUTHORIZE the execution of an amendment to Contract No. LAT-053-96 with Comarco Wireless Technologies, Inc. Irvine, to **refurbish call boxes in Los Angeles County Kenneth Hahn Call Box System**, for an amount not to exceed \$585,000. Due to the proprietary nature of the call box components, an amendment to Comarco Wireless Technologies, Inc., the manufacturer of the call box, is recommended. The total amended value of the contract shall be \$4,924,339.

2/3 vote

3. **Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - G.C. 54956,9 (a):**
 - A. Thalheimer, et al v. Los Angeles County Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies, et al, Case No. BC 113690

Consideration of items not on the posted agenda, including: items to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff; items to be placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Board; and/or items requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN COMMITTEE'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

ADJOURNMENT



Los Angeles County

Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

SAFE BOARD
MARCH 25, 1999

SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF TEXT TELETYPEWRITER (TTY) CALL BOX SIGNS

ACTION: AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE TTY CALL BOX SIGNAGE

RECOMMENDATION

Award a fixed price contract with Maneri Sign Co., Inc., Gardena, California, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to install TTY signage on 4,500 call boxes in the amount of \$126,000.

RATIONALE

In 1996, SAFE awarded a contract to upgrade the Kenneth Hahn Call Box System by adding a keypad and display screen. The implementation of the upgrade was delayed due to Caltrans required crash testing of the TTY call box. The TTY call box has successfully completed crash testing and is ready for implementation. The upgrade will improve the accessibility of the call box for individuals who may be deaf, hard of hearing and/or speech impaired. It will take approximately 60 weeks to complete the upgrade. The installation of TTY signage is required to inform the public of the presence of each TTY call box.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The SAFE FY 99 budget contains sufficient funds to cover this contract's expense. These funds are budgeted under cost center 3351; project 200209; line item 50320. Capital funds will be programmed in out years to cover future expenses.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

SAFE can decide not to install the TTY signage. This alternative is not recommended as the installation of the TTY signage is needed to inform the motorist which call boxes have been upgraded to the TTY configuration.

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

Procurement staff conducted a competitive sealed bid process on December 23, 1998. Four bids were received and evaluated. Staff is recommending that this contract be awarded to Maneri Sign Company, Inc., the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. SAFE has determined that Maneri Sign Company, Inc. is technically qualified to perform the duties of this contract.

COST/PRICE ANALYSIS

BID PRICE	RECOMMENDED PRICE	HISTORICAL PRICE
\$126,000	\$126,000	Not Applicable
	Historical Price Variance	Not Applicable


The recommended/bid price of \$126,000 has been determined to be fair and reasonable based upon price analysis selection of the lowest responsive and responsible sealed bid. There is no historical pricing data. An independent cost estimate performed by SAFE staff was established at \$112,500 based on a per unit cost of \$25.00.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

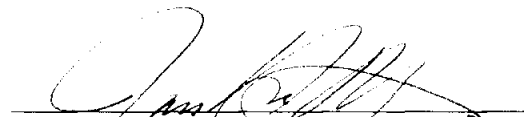
The Contract Compliance Unit waived the Voluntary MBE and WBE Anticipated Levels of Participation based on the lack of identifiable subcontracting opportunities.

Prepared by: Francisco D. Estrada, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, SAFE

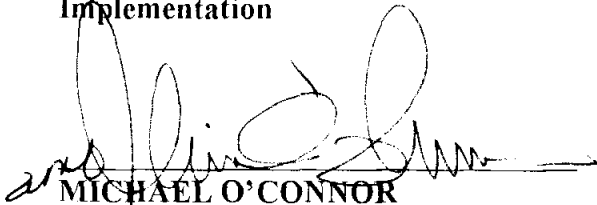
Attachment: Procurement Summary



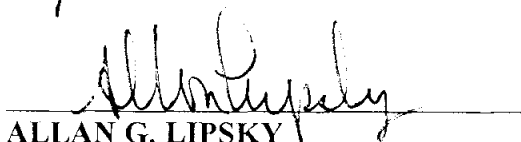
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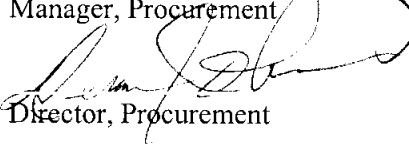
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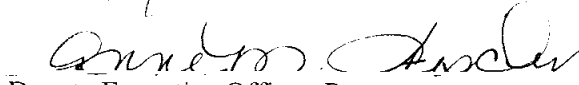
Procurement IFB No. OP33515309
Board Date: March 25, 1999

SAFE BOARD REPORT ATTACHMENT "A"
PROCUREMENT SUMMARY
SEALED BID

1.	Recommended Vendor:
	Name: Maneri Sign Company, Inc.
	City: 1928 West 135 th Street, Gardena, Ca. 90249
	Total Dollar Amount:\$126,000
2.	Description of Equipment or Material: Installation of Refined TTY Call Box Signs
3.	Issued and Advertised: 12/23/98
4.	DBE Participation Goal? None, Waived
5.	No. of Bid notifications sent (postcards): 35
6.	No. of Bids Picked up by Vendors: 7
7.	Pre-Bid Conference: 1/4/99
8.	Date bids opened: 1/13/99
9.	No. of bids received: 4
10.	Staff analysis:
	1. List Bidders and Bid Prices
	Maneri Sign Company, Inc \$126,000.00
	Peterson-Chase Gen. Eng. \$213,750.00
	TDS Engineering \$215,370.00
	Brandt Commercial Signs \$749,250.00
	2. Tech Analysis-Responsiveness: Recommended Contractor has all the requisite licenses.
11.	Protest Received: No
12.	Award to Other than Low Bid? No
13.	Conflict of Interest form submitted to Ethics? 2/4/99
14.	EO Evaluation Completed: Yes, goal was waived on 12/9/98
15.	Pre-Qualification Completed? 2/4/99
16.	Audit Report Status: N/A
17.	Contract Administrator Michael Loller
	Tel: (213) 922-7257
18.	Project Manager: Francisco Dan Estrada
	Tel: (213) 922-6021

Concur: 
 Manager, Procurement

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 Director, Procurement

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 Deputy Executive Officer, Procurement



Los Angeles County

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**SAFE BOARD
MARCH 25, 1999**

SUBJECT: CALL BOX SYSTEM REFURBISHMENT

ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE CEO TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. LAT-053-96 WITH COMARCO WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE KENNETH HAHN CALL BOX SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the CEO to execute an amendment to Contract No. LAT-053-96 with Comarco Wireless Technologies, Inc., Irvine, California, for an amount not to exceed \$585,000 to refurbish call boxes in the Los Angeles County Kenneth Hahn Call Box System. Due to the proprietary nature of the call box components, an amendment to Comarco Wireless Technologies, Inc., the manufacturer of the call box, is recommended. The total amended value of the contract shall be \$4,924,339.

RATIONALE

In 1992, SAFE completed the upgrade of the call box system from a landline telephone to a solar-powered, cellular-based system, at a cost in excess of \$9 million. The call box components were designed to meet a ten (10) year life cycle. This refurbishment will test, repair and replace call box components system-wide, a function which is not covered under the current maintenance agreement. Major internal components such as the controller and regulator boards will be upgraded to the latest revision.

The refurbishment provides SAFE with the opportunity to synchronize the lifetime of the call box with the system-wide teletypewriter (TTY) component upgrade which is being implemented this fiscal year. The refurbishment will be performed in conjunction with the TTY upgrade. The refurbishment will extend the expected life of the call box system ten (10) years and provide SAFE with a "like-new" system at a fraction of the capital cost to replace the entire system. The refurbishment will be conducted concurrently with the TTY upgrade by the same contractor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The SAFE FY99 budget contains sufficient funds to cover the cost of the refurbishment contract. These funds are budgeted under cost center 3351; line item 50320. SAFE capital funds will be programmed in out years to cover future expenses.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

SAFE can decide not to refurbish the call box system. This alternative is not recommended as the current call box components are nearing their ten (10) year expected life cycle.

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY

The SAFE negotiating team was able to negotiate a Unit Rate of \$130.00 per call box versus the proposed price of \$150.84 per unit. Considering the 4,500 units to be refurbished, this constitutes a reduction of \$93,802 or approximately 14% from the original proposal of \$678,802, for a total not-to-exceed price of \$585,000. Procurement contacted two other large SAFE agencies to confirm that Comarco is indeed a single source for the subject call boxes.

COST/PRICE ANALYSIS

PROPOSED UNIT RATE	RECOMMENDED UNIT RATE	HISTORICAL UNIT RATE
\$150.84	\$130.00	NONE
	PRICE VARIANCE	N/A

The recommended unit rate of \$130 (per call box) has been determined to be fair and reasonable based upon fact-finding, clarification and pre-award audit performed by Management Audit Services Department. There is no historical pricing because this is SAFE's first refurbishment of call box system.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

The Contract was awarded August 2, 1996. Due to an unanticipated Caltrans imposed requirement to crash test the call boxes, the production and installation portion of the original TTY Contract was suspended for over a year and the original Contract is only 5% complete. The Contract has a 15.31% MBE and 5.07% WBE participation goal. Current attainment¹ based on the relevant contract value² is 0.34% MBE and 0.00% WBE. Current participation³ based on the total actual amount paid-to-date to prime and total actual amount paid-to-date to MBE/WBEs is 12.27% MBE and 0.00% WBE.

There is one (1) MBE firm and one (1) WBE firm listed on this contract. The MBE firm, Ameriphone, is scoped to design the call boxes. However, due to delays in the contract, their business interests have changed. The MBE has asked to be released from their commitment. Substitution approval is pending based on submittal and evaluation of the Prime Contractor's

good faith efforts.* The WBE firm, PAR Enterprises, will install the call boxes when produced. The projected start date is April 1999.**

Original Award Amount \$ 4,067,720
Relevant Contract Value² \$ 4,924,339
Total Actual Amount Paid to Date to Prime \$ 137,778

MBE Subcontractor	Commitment	Current Attainment ¹	Current Participation ³	Current Status
Ameriphone, Inc.	15.31%	0.34%	12.00%	Performed
TOTAL	15.31%	0.34%	12.27%	Substitution Pending*

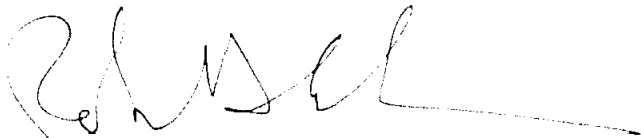
WBE Subcontractor	Commitment	Current Attainment ¹	Current Participation ³	Current Status
PAR Enterprises	5.07%	0%	0%	To Perform **
TOTAL	5.07%	0%	0%	Expected to Meet Goal

¹Current Attainment = Total Actual Amount Paid-to-Date to Subs ÷ Total Relevant Contract Amount

²Relevant Contract Amount = Original Contract Value + Contract Cost Modifications affecting M/WBE Scope of Work

³Current Participation = Total Actual Amount Paid-to-Date to Subs ÷ Total Actual Amount Paid-to-Date to Prime

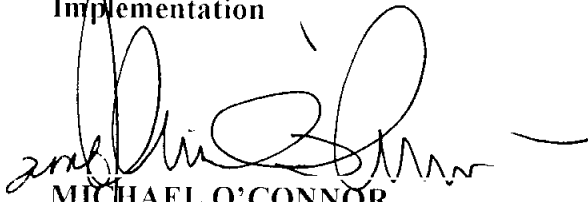
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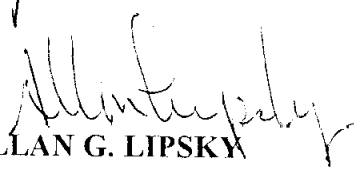
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