

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a contract for Official Police Garage (OPG) towing and storage services for the Central Bureau Heavy Duty Service Area.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the President, Board of Police Commissioners, or designee, to negotiate and execute an OPG towing and storage agreement for the Central Bureau Heavy Duty Service Area with A.T.S Northeast Tow, Inc., subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Police Commissioners. Neither the City Administrative Officer (CAO) nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated September 2, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the Executive Director, Board of Police Commissioners, recommends that Council authorize the Board of Police Commissioners to execute an OPG towing and storage agreement for Central Bureau Heavy Duty Service Area with A.T.S Northeast Tow, Inc. According to the Board's Executive Director, on February 25, 2014, Council authorized the release of the OPG Request for Proposals (RFP). The first RFP released was for Heavy Duty Towing and Storage Services in LAPD's Central Bureau Heavy Duty Service Area. This service area is comprised of the Department's Central, Rampart, Hollenbeck, Northeast, and Newton areas. The previous contract for this service area has expired.

The general duties of a heavy duty towing OPG include responding on a first-priority basis to requests for heavy duty towing services initiated by LAPD or the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). Additional requests for towing may be initiated by police officers of the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airport police, or any City governmental agency representatives who are authorized to request the removal of vehicles for the purpose of storage and/or investigation. Typical towing situations may include, but are not limited to, the removal of illegally parked heavy duty vehicles and vehicles that are disabled as a result of traffic accidents and may be severely damaged.

The Board's Executive Director states that proposals were received from A.T.S. Northeast Tow, Inc., and Navarro's Towing. A.T.S. Northeast is the current provider of heavy duty towing and storage services in the Central Bureau Service Area. Navarro's Towing does not provide towing services to the City but provides towing services to the California Highway Patrol and various local government agencies. Staff from the Commission Investigation Division Enforcement Section inspected the type and the condition of towing equipment, identified electronic dispatch equipment, identified security and video surveillance measures, reviewed inventory and storage procedures, interviewed references, and conducted recorded interviews with key personnel.

An OPG Review Committee, comprised of staff from the CAO, LADOT, and the Board of Police Commissioners, rated the proposals according to each respondent's formal business plan,

experience, history of contract compliance, customer service, and honesty and integrity. Based on the Review Committee's analysis of the proposals, the Board's Executive Director recommends that A.T.S. Northeast Tow, Inc., be awarded the contract to provide towing for the Central Bureau Heavy Duty Service Area. On September 9, 2014, the Board approved the contract award.

At its special meeting held October 1, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the Board's recommendation to award this OPG contract to A.T.S. Northeast Tow, Inc.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| ENGLANDER: | YES |
| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| BONIN: | ABSENT |
| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| MARTINEZ: | ABSENT |

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