



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 2, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: GANG INTERVENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2006

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT- FINANCIAL PLANNING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: MARC R. PUCKETT, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Award RFP No. 1105 to Newport Mesa Unified School District, 2985-A Bear Street, Costa Mesa, California, 92626, for gang intervention services in the amount of \$65,000 for the first year with the option of renewing the contract for two additional one-year periods.
2. Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Costa Mesa has seven criminal street gangs involving as many as two-hundred active and inactive members. The primary recruiting pool for these gangs comes from children the majority of whom are students in the Newport Mesa Unified School District. There is a substantial body of evidence that suggests that diverting a youth from gang involvement after the youth is in a gang is extremely problematic. Conversely, gang experts believe that effective gang intervention must be accomplished before the youth is an active and participating member in a street gang.

Youths as young as fourth, fifth, and sixth grade will manifest behavior that indicates an interest and attraction to gang participation. These actions could include but are not limited to bullying, the wearing of gang clothing styles, claims of gang involvement, association with gang members, siblings involved in gangs, gang posturing and possession of items indicative of gang involvement. These activities are observable and recognizable and indicate an entry point to employ gang intervention strategy. Additionally, active gang members and associates may choose to disassociate from gangs and this provides opportunities to effectively intervene and to facilitate a transition out of active gang participation.

The Costa Mesa City Council has authorized funding in the FY 06-07 budget for a gang intervention specialist to work with youth at risk for gang involvement. The gang intervention specialist will develop a program to identify youth at risk for gang involvement and implement a strategy to divert them from gang participation.

As required by the City of Costa Mesa Municipal Code, the “Request for Proposals” was solicited from qualified vendors whose names were on the bidders’ list, and other vendors requesting a bid package. Two prospective bidders were invited to participate. A “Request for Proposals” was published in the Daily Pilot and posted on the public bulletin board in City Hall. The notice was also posted on the City’s web site.

ANALYSIS:

Two proposals were received and Police staff conducted the evaluation process. The three criteria used in the evaluations were: a) technical response, b) vendor’s qualifications, and c) the proposed value for the cost.

Attachment I provides the evaluation summary identifying the two proposers and how each vendor ranked relative to the evaluation criteria.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No other alternatives have been considered.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The FY 06-07 budget provides funding for this program.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney’s office has reviewed and approved the attached Professional Services agreement as to form.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that City Council award proposal No. 1105 to Newport Mesa Unified School District, in the amount of \$65,000 and to authorize the Mayor and the Deputy City Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement.

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Director of Finance

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Attachments: [Attachment I, Bid Tabulation](#)
[Attachment II, Professional Services Agreement](#)

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