




# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

RALPH M. TERRAZAS  
FIRE CHIEF

October 8, 2020

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FILE NO. 20-090
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: IN-KIND DONATION OF THERMITE RS3

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

## SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation (LAFDF) has donated an innovative remote fire suppression device called the Thermite RS3, with a plow attachment, to the Department. The RS3 is a firefighting robot that will be used for various large-scale emergency scenarios that are too dangerous and put firefighters into harm's way. The RS3 also has the ability to be used in certain Urban Search and Rescue incidents. The RS3 can be used to assist with commercial building fires, blazes involving combustible metals, hazardous materials incidents, barricaded suspects who start building fires and oil refinery fires. The RS3 will be housed with certified Urban Search and Rescue firefighters and will be deployed at the discretion of the incident commander. The LAFD is the first municipal fire department in North America to receive a RS3, manufactured by Howe & Howe Inc. The value of the RS3 and Plow attachment is \$277,671.58.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Receive this report for the In-Kind Donation by the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation for the items listed above, valued at \$277,671.58 to the Los Angeles Fire Department.
2. Request the Commission Executive Assistant to transmit this report to the Mayor's Office in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to City Council in accordance with the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Ordinance 15514, Article 12, Section 5.111.4, for consideration and approval.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's budget from the acceptance of this donation, which comes with a three-year extended warranty. Donations provide the necessary items meeting the needs of the respective fire stations or administration sections. Replacement or repair of items meeting City specifications and Fire Department business needs may be borne by General Fund, subject to budgetary constraints.

**CONCLUSION**

The Los Angeles Fire Department benefits tremendously from gracious donations and support provided by the LAFD Foundation. The LAFD acknowledges the LAFDF for its generosity.

Board report prepared by Public Information Director Peter Sanders, Community Liaison Office.

Attachment



4343 Viewridge Ave.  
Suite A  
San Diego, CA 92123

## Quote

Date 01/15/2020  
Quote # QT1328335  
Expires 07/01/2020  
Sales Rep Ramirez, Lisa  
PO #  
Shipping Method FedEx Ground

### Bill To

Diana Soukounian  
Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation  
Frank Hotchkiss Memorial Training Center  
1700 Stadium Way, #100  
Los Angeles CA 90012  
United States

### Ship To

ASSISTANT CHIEF WADE WHITE  
LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLY & ...  
140 N AVENUE 19  
Los Angeles CA 90031  
United States

Item	Alt. Item #	Units	Description	QTY	Unit Sales Pri...	Amount
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	RS3		RS3 Custom CUSTOM ADVERTISING RS1RS3	1	230,263.16	230,263.16
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	PLOW SYSTEM		PLOW SYSTEM Custom CUSTOM ADVERTISING PLOW SYSTEM	1	19,318.19	19,318.19

To place an order please contact Lisa Ramirez at (951) 903-3749.  
Thank you for doing business with MES!

INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL 3 YEAR WARRANTY FOR A TOTAL OF 4 YEAR WARRANTY

<b>Subtotal</b>	249,581.35
<b>Shipping Cost (FedEx Ground)</b>	4,380.00
<b>Tax Total</b>	23,710.23
<b>Total</b>	\$277,671.58

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping & handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current local tax information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

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