

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 13-124

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AERIAL FIREFIGHTING SERVICES

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 Withdrawn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

This report is to advise the Board of Fire Commissioners that the Administrative Services Bureau, in conjunction with the Emergency Services Bureau, will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit aerial firefighting services on an exclusive use basis for a period of five (5) years.

As of FY2000-01, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has contracted for aerial firefighting services, which has proven to be invaluable. In many areas of the City, residential homes are in direct contact with urban-wildlands that are prone to massive wildfires due predominately to weather conditions and air/ground moisture levels.

The LAFD anticipates 3-5 vendors will submit bids for evaluation. The LAFD expects to release the RFP on or about October 15, 2013, and return to the Board in January 2014 with the results of its evaluation and recommendation(s) for contract award. The proposed contract will cover a 5-year period, with possible annual extensions. The annual performance period will typically range from mid-August to late-December, with slight variations depending on climatic conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Receive and File this report.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this contract will be requested in the LAFD's FY2014-15 Budget.

This board report was prepared by William R. Jones, Senior Management Analyst II, Administrative Services Bureau.