

Board of Supervisors Workshop on Fire Services

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BOS Meeting 05/24/10



Background



- On June 2, 2009 the board terminated Supplemental Funding to Fire Districts (aka Aid to Fire)
 - Action liquidated trust fund
 - Including monies from the General Fund, FPDs received roughly the same amount as previous 2 years
 - \$100,000 was set aside for a study



Background



- Negotiations between the CAO's Office and LAFCO on an MOU started almost immediately
 - Could not be completed in time for LAFCO approval for June meeting
 - Draft RFP was prepared
- LAFCO approved the MOU on July 22, 2009 with BOS concurrence shortly thereafter



Process



- RFP circulated in July 2010 by both LAFCO and EDC General Services
- A total of 11 responses were received by mid-August 2009 deadline
- Working with then-Assistant CAO, three consultants were eliminated due to cost or disagreement with approach



Process



- LAFCO & CAO asked Chiefs Keating and Veerkamp, as presidents of the EDC Fire Chiefs' Association and JPA, respectively, for input
- With their input, LAFCO & CAO
 narrowed the field to three consultants,
 including Citygate Associates
 - Citygate was specific in their response that their approach would not address the RFP scope of service in its entirety



- The three consultants were invited to interview on August 31, 2009
 - County staff, BOS, fire agencies (staff and directors), Commissioners and JPA invited to attend
- Consultants were instructed to
 - Introduce team
 - Summarize approach
 - Answer standard questions from EO
 - Expect to field questions from participants



- All agencies were given access to the consultants' RFP responses
- Approximately 15 people (not counting LAFCO EO and Assistant CAO) attended the interviews with the consultants
- At the end of each presentation, the attendees were asked to rate the presentation they just heard



- At the end of all presentations, the attendees were further asked to rate the consultants in relation to each other
- Citygate was overwhelmingly chosen by the attendees as the consultant to prepare study
- On September 23, 2009 LAFCO approved the contract with Citygate



Questions?