



RESOLUTION #545

A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280 provides for the waiver of competitive bidding requirements under enumerated conditions, including (1) (a) Purchases that are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply and (1) (b) Purchases involving special facilities or market conditions.

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 “District” has a need for three pickup trucks.

WHEREAS, the District normally purchases such Vehicles through the state bid process managed by the Department of Enterprise Services “DES”.

WHEREAS, the District’s order for three vehicles placed last October came in the wrong color due to vendor error and cannot be used by the District;

WHEREAS, because of the anticipated delay caused by the vendor, the District does not currently have sufficient Vehicles to support its Staff, and the absence of such Vehicles is negatively impacting the District’s operations;

WHEREAS, because of global supply chain issues and high demand, DES vendors cannot supply the Vehicles needed by the District in a timely manner;

WHEREAS, the District has conducted an exhaustive search to locate suitable Vehicles that are currently available;

WHEREAS, District staff is constantly searching for suitable Vehicles from dealerships across the United States and has determined that when such vehicles are located, the delays associated with the competitive bid process precludes the District from purchasing such Vehicles;

WHEREAS, District staff requires the flexibility to address the current market conditions to enter into purchase contracts immediately when Vehicles are located and available at a competitive market price;

WHEREAS, the cost of the Vehicles may exceed the competitive bidding thresholds, and Staff is requesting that the Board formally waive competitive bidding requirements and preauthorize the Fire Chief or designee to purchase up to three (3) Vehicles without further action of the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 4 Board of Commissioners hereby declares a special market condition, waives the competitive bidding requirements based on the special market conditions enumerated above and authorizes the Fire Chief or designee to purchase up to three Vehicles pursuant to this authorization and waiver. This waiver under this Resolution shall remain intact until three Vehicles are purchased or until the Vehicles can be obtained through the DES process in a timely manner.

PASSED AND PPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2022, at an open public meeting BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4 - the following Board Members being present and voting:

By: 
Evan Merritt, Chair

By: 
Richard E. Flath, Commissioner

By: NA

Attest: 
Don Waller, District Secretary/Fire Chief