



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2735, Agenda Item #: 22.

9/21/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of two contracts for bunker gear personal protective ensembles with Samuel Craig Richardson d/b/a Richardson Apparatus LLC and Dooley Tackaberry, Inc., each for a term of two years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$240,000, divided between the contractors.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$5,260 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Emergency Medical Services. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Financial Services Department has determined these contractors best meet the needs of Emergency Medical Services to provide these goods required for the City.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide bunker gear for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department. EMS follows the National Fire Protection Association standards which require all bunker gear be replaced 10 years after the manufacture date. Bunker gear includes coats, pants, and boots worn by the Austin Fire Department and EMS personnel to provide protection during structural fires or when physical hazards are likely to be encountered. Bunker gear is constructed from materials that protect the first responder from heat, steam, flames, and water during rescue operations.

A new set of bunker gear is issued to each EMS cadet upon graduation from training. New bunker gear is also provided to incumbent EMS personnel as their gear reaches the end of its useful life or is damaged beyond repair.

The Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.

If a contract is not secured, EMS will be unable to provide graduating cadets and EMS personnel with the gear they need to fully perform the functions of their position. In addition, there will be delays and increase cost due to the use of spot purchases.