

# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2020

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTIVE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

CLOTHING FROM ALL STAR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,710

PURSUANT TO PURCHASING RESOLUTION 23256, SECTION 702(C)

## **ISSUE**:

Approve the purchase of the Fire Department protective firefighter safety clothing from All Star Equipment, of Hayward, California, in the amount of \$133,710 pursuant to Section 702(c) of Purchasing Resolution No. 23256.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approve the purchase of the Fire Department protective firefighter safety clothing from All Star Equipment, of Hayward, California, in the amount of \$133,710 pursuant to Section 702(c) of Purchasing Resolution No. 23256.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Protective firefighter safety clothing, commonly referred to as turnout gear, is a basic firefighting necessity. Made of insulated and fire-resistant materials, turnout gear helps protect firefighters from the intense heat and hazardous environments encountered in the fire service. Riverside Fire Department policy requires firefighters to wear turnout gear to various types of incidents, including structure fires, vehicle accidents, hazardous materials calls, box alarms, suspicious odor calls and any other incidents the company officer deems appropriate.

Subject to wear and tear, turnouts must be replaced at a minimum of every 10 years to ensure adequate personal protection and compliance with National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standards.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 702(c) states that competitive Procurement through the Informal Procurement and Formal Procurement process shall not be required when the Procurement can only be obtained from a sole source or timely from a single source and the

Manager is satisfied that the best price, terms and conditions for the Procurement thereof have been negotiated.

All Star Equipment is the only locally approved distributor of the LION brand turn-outs, and currently supplies Fire Departments throughout the State of California with this protective equipment. Additionally, the protective equipment is National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1971 compliant. Therefore, the Department would like to purchase Fire Department protective firefighter safety clothing from All Star Equipment in the amount of \$133,710.

The Purchasing Manager concurs with the recommendation and that this purchase is in compliance the Purchasing Resolution No. 23256, Section 702 (c).

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

The total fiscal impact of purchasing the Fire Department personal protective clothing is \$133,710. Sufficient funds are available in the Fire Operations Account 3510000-426200.

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Certified as to

availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

#### Attachments:

1. Sole Source Justification

2. Authorized and Approved Distributor Letter