



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2025

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTIVE
FIREFIGHTER SAFETY CLOTHING FROM ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.
OF ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$231,141.60**

ISSUES:

Approve the purchase of the Fire Department protective firefighter safety clothing from AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc. of Arcadia, California, in the amount of \$231,141.60.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of the Fire Department protective firefighter safety clothing from Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. of Arcadia, CA in the amount of \$231,141.60.

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 ten years to ensure adequate personal protection and compliance with National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standards.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Fire Department would like to utilize AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc. to purchase safety clothing to replace turnout gear that has reached its useful life. Utilizing Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 602 (c) AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc. is the only locally approved distributor of the LION brand turnouts that supplies fire departments throughout the State of California with this protective equipment and ensures the NFPA 1971 compliance.

Staff is recommending that City Council approve the purchase of Fire Department protective firefighter safety clothing from AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$231,141.60.

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Extension
54	Bi-Swing Turnout Coat	\$2,511.00	\$135,594.00
54	Belted Turnout Pant	\$1,373.00	\$74,142.00
54	Suspenders	\$52.00	\$2,808.00
1	8.75% Tax	N/A	\$18,597.60
		Total	\$231,141.60

Extension price includes tax.

Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 602 (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 and the Manager is satisfied that the best price, terms and conditions have been negotiated."

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommendation is in compliance the Purchasing Resolution No. 24101, Section 602 (c).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of purchasing personal protective clothing for the Fire Department is \$231,141.60. Sufficient funds are available in the General Fund, Fire Operations, Clothing/Linen/Safety Supplies Account 3510000-426200.

Prepared by: Angie King, Administrative Services Manager
Approved by: Steve McKinster, Fire Chief
Certified as to
availability of funds: Kristie Thomas, Finance Director/Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Approved by: Edward Enriquez, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Approved as to form: Rebecca McKee-Reimbold, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

Authorized and Approved Distributor Letter
Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. – Quote 250912TR4
Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. Sole Source Justification Form