



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
June 20, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Purchase Firefighter Turnout Coats and Pants

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution: 1) suspending competitive bidding and 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Fischer Scientific in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.

Contact: Forrest Adams, Deputy Fire Chief, 433-1603
Christine Slay, Senior Buyer, Procurement Services, 808-6344

Presenters: None

Department: Fire

Division: Operations

Organization No: 2532

Summary:

The Fire Department has an immediate requirement to purchase 175 sets of turnout coats and pants to replace staffs' frontline sets that have deteriorated beyond repair and provide turnouts for new hires. In anticipation of funding, a substantial bid was planned for midyear 2006 to provide a new set of turnouts for each firefighter; however, funding will not be available for that large purchase until the beginning of the next Fiscal Year, July 1, 2006. As a consequence, an immediate purchase is required to meet the 6-8 week order and delivery schedule required by the supplier, and also to assure that an adequate supply is available to meet the department's requirements. If required to delay this purchase while awaiting the results of a bid and subsequent Council approval, firefighters might not be equipped to perform their duties. Staff is currently developing the specifications and bid requirements for future turnout purchases and it is anticipated that such bid will be publicly advertised prior to the close of the current fiscal year.

Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council suspend competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of Turnout Coats and Pants from Fisher Scientific, 1992 Ladera Street, Lincoln, Ca, for a total amount not to exceed \$260,000.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

The Fire Department has ongoing requirements to provide firefighters with safety equipment such as turnout coats and pants. These turnout sets are critical in protecting the firefighters from injury. Staff has determined that the Morning Pride Protective Clothing System "Sacramento Specification" will be the Department standard for turnout coats and pants. The Morning Pride "Sacramento Specification" includes patented features that provide for increased personal protection and work output efficiency.

Since firefighters wear their turnout sets daily, and since they are such an integral part of their safety while responding to an emergency, it is important that replacement be expeditious. In December 2005, the Department advertised a solicitation for a small purchase of turnouts with Invitation for Bid B062532003. At that time, 65 Turnout sets were purchased from the lowest bidder, Fischer Scientific. Fischer Scientific has agreed to maintain current pricing to execute this purchase request for the additional requirements.

Financial Considerations:

Sufficient funds are available in the Fire Department's current operating budget.

Environmental Considerations:

None.

Policy Considerations:

The recommendations in this report are in accordance with provisions of the City Code section 3.56.230(c), which authorizes suspension of formal competitive bidding upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The recommended vendor, Fisher Scientific, is not certified as an Emerging or Small Business firm (ESBE).

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Forrest Adams
Deputy Fire Chief

Approved by: 
Julius J. Cherry
Fire Chief

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Chris Stewart
Procurement Services Manager

Recommendation Approved:

for 
RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 20, 2006

PURCHASE OF TURNOUT COATS AND PANTS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Fire Department has ongoing requirements to purchase Turnout Coats and Pants for line staff and new recruits. The Department intends to standardize on Morning Pride (manufacturer) "Sacramento Specification" for its future requirements. The Morning Pride "Sacramento Specification" includes patented features that provide for increased personal protection and work output efficiency.
- B. The Fire Department has an immediate requirement for 175 sets of Turnout Coats and Pants to replace staffs' frontline sets that have deteriorated beyond repair and provide turnouts for new hires.
- C. The Fire Department purchased Turnout Coats and Pants from Fischer Scientific in December 2005 and they have agreed to maintain the current pricing they submitted with the solicitation of Invitation for Bids, B062532003.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. In the best interest of the City, competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of Turnout Coats and Pants;
- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to award a contract to Fisher Scientific, 1992 Ladera Street, Lincoln, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.

