



Agenda Report

June 18, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC. TO PROVIDE PERSONAL ESCAPE SYSTEMS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
2. Accept the bid dated May 15, 2018 submitted by AllStar Fire Equipment in response to specifications for personal escape systems and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$150,000 for a term of five (5) years from the date of execution by the City.

BACKGROUND:

Personal escape systems (PES) are part of firefighters' overall personal protective equipment (PPE) ensemble, and are used to safely anchor and lower firefighters to the ground during an emergency incident in the event that they need to bailout from an upper floor exit. This may occur when a building exit is cut off by fire, when there are technical issues with hoses and nozzles, when floors or ceilings of buildings begin to collapse, or any other hazardous situations when immediate escape is necessary. As the number of high-rise structures continue to grow in Pasadena and around the country, fire agencies are outfitting firefighters with PES as part of their PPE ensembles.

The Fire Department currently does not issue equipment specifically designed to facilitate a controlled descent from an upper floor during structural firefighting operations. As an alternative, the Department utilizes a combination of utility rope, self-contained breathing apparatus, and utility carabineers as personal escape options. The PES will provide a more safe and efficient escape option for firefighters. The

Department currently has 161 firefighters and intends to provide a PES for all fire personnel. Based upon initial expenditures and inventory replacement, the Department would like to initiate a formal multi-year contract.

On May 3, 2018 the City published a Notice Inviting Bids to provide PES as required by the Fire Department. Staff requested for vendors to bid on estimated quantities of the specific systems to be purchased by the Department. The bid was posted on the City's online bidding site, Planet Bids, and notices were advertised in the Pasadena Journal and the Pasadena Weekly in accordance with City Charter and Municipal Code provisions. A total of 338 vendors were notified, of which 9 prospective vendors downloaded the bid. None of the prospective bidders were local to Pasadena.

Two bids were received and publicly opened on May 15, 2018. Of the responsive bids received, the bid results were as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Total Weighted Bid Price</u>
AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc., Arcadia, CA	\$87,319
Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., Southbury, CT	\$89,929

The bids were evaluated by Fire Department staff and AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc. was found to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and is able to provide all specified goods and meet all indicated requirements.

Expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$90,000 for the initial purchase of PES for all fire personnel, and \$15,000 each year for inventory replacement. Total expenditures under the contract are not to exceed \$150,000.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed contract furthers the City Council's strategic planning goals to ensure public safety.

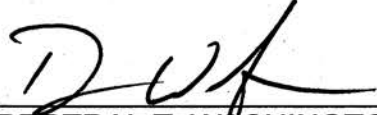
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. The authorization to enter into a contract with a vendor to provide personal escape systems is a continuing administrative activity (i.e., purchasing of supplies). This action would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this action will be \$150,000 for the five year term. Funding will be addressed by the utilization of existing FY 2019 budgeted appropriations in the Fire Department's General Fund operating budget account for Fire Personal Protective Equipment (10131011-810900) and Fire and Rescue Services (10131015-810900). There are no anticipated impacts to other operational programs or capital projects as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,


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