



Agenda Report

July 20, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the rejection of bids is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the CEQA Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Reject all bids received on April 7, 2020 in response to specifications to provide SCBA equipment and maintenance for the Pasadena Fire Department.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department responds to approximately 20,000 calls for service each year. SCBAs are used by responders on emergency incidents in atmospheres that may pose imminent danger to health and life, and are designed to protect personnel in hazardous, toxic, or oxygen deficient environments by recirculating and purifying breathing air, removing carbon dioxide and adding fresh oxygen. All SCBAs used by the Fire Department meet and exceed performance requirements of *National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1981: Standard on Open-Circuit SCBAs for Emergency Services* and *NFPA 1852: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Open-Circuit SCBAs*. The Department currently carries SCBAs on all frontline and reserve fire trucks, fire engines, rescue ambulances, command vehicles and specialty apparatus.

The U.S. Fire Administration indicates SCBAs have a maximum service life of 15 years and should be hydrostatically re-tested on a regular basis in accordance with Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. The Fire Department complies with these standards and replaces its SCBA inventory annually based on equipment age. Additionally, the Department services and maintains all SCBAs on an annual basis.

Previously, the Department has issued various purchase order contracts for replacement, service, maintenance and testing of SCBAs with AllStar Fire Equipment. The Department would like to issue a multi-year contract to standardize the annual replacement, service and testing of SCBAs.

On March 16, 2010 the City published a Notice Inviting Bids to provide SCBA equipment and servicing as required by the Fire Department. Bidders were requested to submit pricing based on one-fifth of the Department's inventory and estimated annual service needs. 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 574 vendors were notified, of which eight prospective vendors downloaded the bid. None of the prospective bidders are local to Pasadena.

Two bids were received and were publicly opened on April 7, 2020. The results of the bids were as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
Municipal Emergency Services Inc, Southbury, CT	\$187,100
Allstar Fire Equipment, Arcadia, CA	\$221,930

Shortly following the receipt of bid results, staff identified forthcoming changes in industry standards and SCBA equipment and material upgrades which will help to improve water repellency, decontamination and serviceability, and reduce long-term carcinogen exposure. In efforts to manage the SCBA program in a cost-effective manner and to ensure the Department maintains compliance with safety standards, it is recommended that all bids be rejected. Staff is revising the specifications to include the changes and expects to rebid soon.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The rejection of bids is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Section 21 080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which state that CEQA does not apply to "projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves".

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action, and it will not have any indirect or support cost requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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