



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 21, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus
(SCBA's) and associated equipment – Invitation to Bid (ITB) 752-11512 -
\$1,160,315.91.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) and associated equipment from Fisher Scientific Company, L.L.C. utilizing the City's contract (Form P-0001) in the amount of \$1,160,315.91.

Background

The SCBA is one of the most important pieces of safety equipment utilized by fire personnel during an emergency event. SCBA's protect personnel in events involving smoke, hazardous materials, or immediate dangers to life and health. Beginning in January of 2015, a majority of the Fire-Rescue Department's inventory will no longer be in compliance with existing National Fire Protection Association standards creating safety and potential liability concerns.

In November 2013, the Fire-Rescue Department applied for funds through the United States (US) Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant. In July 2014, the Department was notified that its' funding application for SCBAs was approved in the amount of \$927,330, which included a 10% cash match of \$92,733 from the City. On August 19, 2014 (CAM 14-0891), the City Commission approved acceptance of the grant.

Upon review of the initial grant award, the Fire-Rescue Department submitted an amendment to increase the grant award based on the quantities and cost allocation as established by FEMA. FEMA granted the increase in the award and the Fire Department received an additional \$61,651 in grant funding, consisting of \$55,485 in federal funds and \$6,166 in City funding as the 10% match. The amended grant award was approved by the City Commission on October 7, 2014 (CAM 14-1167). This brings the total grant award to \$988,981, including the City's cash match.

Following the grant award notification in July, additional funds were allocated in the FY 2015 budget to ensure that adequate funding would be available to meet the SCBA needs of the Fire Department. Funding in the amount of \$171,334.91 is available in the Fire-Rescue Department budget to combine with the grant funding of \$988,981 for a total purchase of \$1,160,315.91.

At the October 7, 2014 City Commission meeting, this item was rejected and recommended that an ITB be issued for Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$1,160,315.91.

Funds Available as of October 15, 2014					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (OBJECT CODE)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (OBJECT CODE)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
129-GSCBA15-6499	FY13 AFG SCBA's	Capital/Other Equipment	\$988,981	\$988,981	\$988,981.00
01-FIRO30101-6499	Fire-Rescue Support	Capital/Other Equipment	\$919,367	\$919,367	\$171,334.91
PURCHASE TOTAL					\$1,160,315.91

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 10: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
- Objective 1: Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive emergency management planning and disaster recovery.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1- Bid Tabulation

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