



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0482

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: June 4, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving a Piggyback Agreement with Fire-Dex GW, LLC d/b/a Gear Wash, Utilizing Miami-Dade County's Contract No. PM-EVN0000251 for Cleaning and Repair of Bunker Gear - \$392,000 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a piggyback agreement, in substantially the form attached, for Cleaning and Repair of Bunker Gear with Fire-Dex GW, LLC d/b/a Gear Wash ("Gear Wash") utilizing Miami-Dade County's Contract No. PM-EVN0000251 effective through July 31, 2028, subject to any extension by Miami-Dade County, for a potential total contract amount of \$392,000.

Background

Under the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1851 standard, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) is required to have advanced cleaning of firefighter protective uniforms (bunker gear) twice a year. The standard also outlines requirements for inspections of protective equipment such as bunker coats, bunker pants, helmets, gloves, fire boots, and fire hoods. Utilization of this contract will provide required cleaning and repair services for each set of protective gear after each incident to ensure clean, safe, and compliant protective gear is always available.

Bunker gear protects firefighters against risks such as excessive heat, physical injury, and exposure to liquid contaminants during firefighting operations. FLFR will use this contract to repair and clean the bunker gear worn by firefighters when responding to structural fires, auto accidents, and other hazards. Cleaning of bunker gear is essential as these items become contaminated with smoke, perspiration, blood, and any chemical that combusted in the heat of a fire. Bunker gear maintenance is vital for firefighter cancer prevention and in reducing the health and safety risks associated with improperly or poorly maintained bunker gear.

FLFR is requesting City Commission approval to utilize the piggyback agreement between Miami-Dade County and Gear Wash to maintain compliance with the NFPA's standards and ensure firefighter health and safety.

Resource Impact

There will be a current year fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$78,400 for this contract award. Funds for this Agreement are available in the FY 2024 Operating Budget in the accounts listed below:

<i>Funds available as of May 10, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-4020-522-30-3407	Fire Operations	Services & Materials/ Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$4,518,793	\$860,785	\$78,400
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$78,400

Strategic Connections

This item supports *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan initiative, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Fire-Dex GW, LLC d/b/a Gear Wash Miami Dade 2023 Pricing

Exhibit 2 - Fire-Dex GW, LLC d/b/a Gear Wash Award Memorandum

Exhibit 3 - Miami-Dade Contract No. PM-EVN0000251 Cleaning & Repair of Bunker Gear

Exhibit 4 - Piggyback Agreement

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