



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2024

TITLE: Motion Rejecting All Bids Pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 168-0 and Approving Purchase of 3M Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Accessories for the Fire-Rescue Department Pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 232 - Fisher Scientific Company L.L.C. - \$2,567,534 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission reject all bids pursuant to Invitation to Bid (Event) No. 168-0 and approve purchase of 3M Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Accessories for the Fire-Rescue Department pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 232 from Fisher Scientific Company L.L.C. in the amount of \$2,567,534.

Background

The SCBA is one of the most important pieces of safety equipment utilized by fire personnel during an emergency event. SCBAs protect personnel in events involving smoke, hazardous materials, or immediate dangers to life and health. The majority of Fire Rescue's current inventory was purchased in 2014. The current inventory has or will soon exceed its useful life and will no longer be compliant with existing National Fire Protection Association standards creating safety and potential liability concerns.

The Fire-Rescue Department reviewed and realized discrepancies in their specifications pursuant to Invitation to Bid (Event) No. 168-0. The 3M Scott snap-change cylinder, carbon-wrapped, pressure 4500, 45 minutes at 40 liters per minute (lpm) and 3M Scott snap-change cylinder, carbon-wrapped 30-year, pressure 4500, 60 minutes at 40 lpm should have read 3M Scott Snap-Change Cylinder, carbon-wrapped 15-yr, 45 min and 3M Scott Snap-change cylinder, carbon-wrapped 15-Year, 60 min. The specifications also needed to include an additional line item, a 3M Scott Cylinder & Valve Assy, CGA, 4.5, 15-year, 60 Min. As a result, staff recommends rejecting all bids. The aforementioned specifications were corrected for the subsequent Invitation to Bid.

On December 15, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued an Invitation to Bid (Event No. 232) to solicit formal competitive sealed bids for the purchase of 3M SCBAs and Accessories (Exhibit 1). On January 15, 2024, the event closed and a total of two (2) bid submissions were received.

Fisher Scientific Company L.L.C. met all the solicitation requirements and deemed the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is not applicable to this solicitation.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$2,567,534. Funds for this purchase are available in the account listed below.

Funds available as of February 12, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-4020-522-60-6499	Fire Operations	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	\$4,472,619	\$3,395,924	\$2,567,534
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$2,567,534

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

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

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

Attachments

- Exhibit 1 - Solicitation
- Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation

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