



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

#15-1102

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

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

DATE: September 16, 2015

TITLE: Motion to Approve Purchase of Fire Protective Clothing (Bunker Gear) –
Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. - \$110,192

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a one-year contract for the purchase of fire protective clothing (bunker gear), in substantially the form attached, from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES) at an estimated cost of \$110,192; and authorize the City Manager to approve a one year renewal option contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

On July 9, 2015, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid Number 752-11604 and received three bids. Coral Emergency Supply was initially the lowest bidder. Upon review of the bid submissions, it was apparent that Coral Emergency Supply did not provide pricing for required "Bail-Out" equipment as stated in the initial bid specifications. The "Bail-Out" system is an additional tool that enhances firefighter safety. It is attached to the inside compartment of the Bunker gear and is utilized for a quick escape route out of a multi-story building during an incident response.

Coral Emergency Supply provided the additional cost as an option to their bid submission. When the option costs were added to their bid submission, their adjusted bid price increased to \$116,526.40. The bid submitted by MES included the bail-out items in their initial submission. Therefore, having met all of the specifications of the bid, MES has been deemed the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder for the purchase of bunker gear.

Bunker gear is the single most important piece of equipment that will ensure the protection for firefighting personnel during fire related incidents/responses. It provides the thermal protection from the excessive heat experience in responding to fire related incidents. For optimal thermal protection, each set of bunker gear is custom fit for each firefighter.

Fire Rescue recommends awarding the contract to the lowest cost, responsive, and responsible bidder, MES.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the estimated amount of \$110,192 for FY 2015.

<i>Funds available as of August 17, 2015</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
001-FIR030101-3949	Fire-Rescue Support	Services and Materials/ Uniforms	\$3,044,611	\$119,225	\$110,192
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$110,192

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 9: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

Exhibit 2 - Agreement

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