


TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ken Johnson, ES Chief 
SUBJECT: Firefighter Protective Clothing Purchase
DATE: May 16, 2006

NEEDS: For the City Council to authorize the Chief of Emergency Services to purchase firefighter protective clothing.

FACTS:

1. Firefighters wear specialized protective clothing when operating inside environments that are immediately dangerous to life and health. The expected service of each set of protective clothing is seven to ten years.
2. ES purchases four to eight sets of firefighter protective equipment each year. These are purchased based upon a competitive bid held every three years; our last firefighter protective equipment bid was in 2002.
3. In accordance with Section 3.0 of the Purchasing and Payment Procedure Manual, Emergency Services solicited bids for firefighter protective equipment.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: Firefighter protective clothing is provided to every firefighter in the organization as required by law. The department conducts annual inspections of firefighter protective equipment and repairs damaged protective equipment. Protective clothing that has been damaged beyond repair or is at the end of its service life is replaced with new protective clothing.

Vendors were invited to submit sealed bids for eight sets of firefighter protective clothing by Friday, March 24, 2006. Emergency Services received three bids ranging between \$11,291 and \$15,131.

Two of the three bids were considered non-responsive (i.e., failed to conform to the specification). Staff recommends acceptance of the only bid that conformed to the specification, submitted by All-Star Fire Equipment in the amount of \$13,728.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual, Section 7.0

FISCAL

IMPACT: \$13,728, currently allocated in 100.220.5212.150.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 06-XXX authorizing Emergency Services to purchase firefighter protective equipment for \$13,728 from All-Star Fire Equipment, or
- b. Amend, modify or reject above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, Firefighters are required to wear specialized protective equipment when operating inside environments that are immediately dangerous to life and health; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services purchases between four and eight sets of firefighter protective clothing per year; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services has budgeted for the replacement of firefighter protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, competitive bids were obtained as required by City Purchasing Rules.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles authorizes the Chief of Emergency Services to purchase firefighter protective equipment from All Star Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$13,728.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 16th day of May 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk