

RESOLUTION NO. 02-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT SETS

WHEREAS, bids were solicited to purchase ten (10) sets of firefighter turnout coats and pants as part of the Department of Emergency Services' customary equipment replacement program; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on January 18, 2002, for the purchase of the firefighter turnout sets; and

WHEREAS, funding has been appropriated from the existing 2001/2002 department budget previously established by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles adopts by resolution the purchase of firefighter turnout coats and pants from Allstar Fire Equipment of Arcadia, California, which submitted the low bid in the amount of \$11,666.66.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 19th day of February 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Nemeth

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

**Tools and Equipment Research and Testing Data for
Firefighter Safety Clothing**
February 19, 2002

Because today's fire department has partially transitioned into a stable employee force with limited turnover, the Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services now requires more size accuracy in protective clothing and equipment. Therefore, the previous practice of purchasing safety clothing that "should work" for a range of shifting personnel is no longer acceptable.

It is our aim to acquire products that will work and are procured after extensive research and testing. The major concerns in equipment acquisition are accurate sizing, ease of operations, standardization of maintenance and access to parts, along with cost effectiveness.

In completing research and product evaluation, each product is measured against the manufacturer's claims and compatibility with city needs. Vendors who sell products make it very clear in their representation of the product that it is the sole responsibility of the buyer to test and evaluate the product for compatibility and quality construction

Each product is tested and, if found acceptable, a request for equipment bids is sent to a minimum of three vendors. A public notice is also posted in the local newspaper, as required by the city purchasing policy. It is clearly marked on the bid request that "We cannot purchase a specific manufacture. However, our specifications, test and evaluations were based on (name and model of the product tested)."

All bid requests are administered in compliance with City of Paso Robles purchasing policies. All purchase requests will attempt to take advantage of allowable opportunities for cost savings.

Firefighter Safety Clothing, bid request of January 2002

Bids were sent to:

Allstar Fire Equipment Inc.
12328 Lower Azusa Road
Arcadia, CA 91006

Total \$11,666.66 (tax included)

United Fire Equipment Company
335 North 4th Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Total \$12,355.00 (tax excluded)

Fire Trucks Plus
1006 W. 9th St.
Upland, CA 91786

Did Not Return a Bid

Public Notice
Paso Robles Press

Attached