

AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 37

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with LION TOTAL CARE, INC., Dayton, OH, for bunker gear cleaning and repair services for the Austin Fire Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$261,699, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$87,233 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$523,398.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$7,269 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining 35 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Wilbur Jones, Buyer I, 972-4013

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide cleaning, decontamination, and repair, of the Austin Fire Department's bunker gear. Bunker gear is the protective ensemble firefighters are required to wear while participating in firefighting operations. To protect the firefighter from intense heat and flames, he/she wears a turn-out coat and pants, hood, gloves, and protective boots. In order to offer the firefighter maximum protection, bunker gear must be kept clean and in good repair.

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) has issued standard NFPA 1851 that addresses the cleaning and maintenance of bunker gear. This standard was adopted by the State of Texas through Senate Bill 382. State law mandates that bunker gear ensemble be kept clean and free of any rips, tears, etc., that degrades the original protection of the bunker gear ensemble. Certified repairs of these garments are highly technical and only manufacturer-recognized repair facilities are authorized to perform such repairs. MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Eight notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for this service.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 24% increase to the last contract award in May 2005. Eight percent of this increase is the result of adding decontamination services to the contract requirements.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Fire Department's recommendation.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.