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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	24413	Agenda Number	49.
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Meeting Date:	May 23, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with GEAR CLEANING SOLUTIONS, LLC, or one of the other qualified bidders for RFP CEA0117 to provide turnout gear maintenance services for the Austin Fire Department (AFD) in an estimated amount not to exceed \$746,673, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$274,185 for the first extension option, \$287,894 for the second extension option, and \$302,289 for the third extension option for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,611,041.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$78,950 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining 32 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.

Purchasing Language:	Best-evaluated proposal received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Colleen Athey, Senior Buyer, 974-2938
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide the Austin Fire Department (AFD) with a comprehensive turnout gear maintenance program. Gear Cleaning Solutions, LLC will provide advanced inspections, repairs, cleanings, alterations, recordkeeping services, and a 48-hour turnkey pick-up/delivery service at approximately 50 fire stations and support service centers throughout the City of Austin. Gear Cleaning Solutions, LLC, Dallas, TX is authorized by the manufacturer of AFD's turnout gear to provide any services, repairs, and warranty work.

Turnout gear is the protective ensemble firefighters are required to wear while participating in firefighting operations, along with a helmet, gloves, hood and boots. AFD currently maintains approximately 1,100 sets of turnout gear (coats and pants).

The turnout gear maintenance program included in this contract will be managed by the AFD Safety Office and is designed to comply with the requirements set forth in the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural and Proximity Firefighting. AFD compliance with the standards set forth in NFPA 1851 for the care and maintenance of bunker gear and other protective ensemble items is mandated by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP).

A cross-functional team from the AFD evaluated the proposals. The evaluation team consisted of members with experience in varying areas to ensure bids were thoroughly reviewed in order to provide AFD with a comprehensive bunker gear maintenance program.

In order to determine the best-value to the City, evaluation criteria included cost, electronic recordkeeping capabilities including data transfer and reporting, demonstrated experience and qualifications needed to provide an NFPA compliant bunker gear repair and inspection program, pick-up and delivery program summary, adequate loaner gear inventory, and local presence.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty nine notices were sent. Three proposals were received. There are no known MBE/WBEs for this commodity code.
- c. This is the first contract of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Fire Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.