

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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Department:

Purchasing

## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 34-month contract through the Local Government Cooperative, administered by Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) cooperative purchasing program with DOOLEY TACKABERRY INC., to provide bunker gear, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,650,000.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$119,118 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding in the amount of \$26,471 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Emergency Medical Services. Funding for the remaining 31 months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

**Purchasing Language:**

Multiple cooperative vendors were contacted for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

**Prior Council Action:**



**For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Erin D'Vincent, at 512-974-3070 or Erin.DVincent@ austintexas.gov

**Boards and Commission Action:**



**Related Items:**

**MBE / WBE:**

This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

## Additional Backup Information

The contract is for bunker gear for the Austin Fire Department (AFD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Bunker gear are coats and pants worn by firefighting and EMS personnel to provide protection during structural fires or when physical hazards are likely to be encountered. Those hazards can include non-fire-related rescue operations, emergency medical operations, and/or victim extraction. Bunker gear is constructed from materials that protect the first responder from heat, steam, flames, and water during rescue operations.

A complete new set of bunker gear is issued to each fire and EMS cadet upon graduation. New bunker gear is also provided to incumbent firefighters and EMS personnel as their gear becomes too old or is damaged beyond repair. Standards established by the National Fire Protection Association require that all bunker gear be replaced after 10 years following the date of manufacture. AFD provides approximately 100 sets of replacement gear annually and up to 100 sets of new bunker gear to graduating fire cadets. EMS provides approximately 20 sets of replacement gear annually and up to 80 sets of new bunker gear to graduating EMS cadets.

The BuyBoard cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

The current AFD contract expired June 1, 2017 and the current EMS contract expired March 31, 2017. Due to the expiration of the previous BuyBoard contract and the time required to put a new contract in place, there was a two week lapse without a contract. The requested authorization amounts for this contract were determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend including replacing aging bunker gear and outfitting cadets.

Delay in approving or failure to approve this contract will result in first responders not having appropriate gear for rescue operations.