



**Purchasing Service Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 13
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month service agreement with GLOVES, INC., Austell, GA for the cleaning and repair of bunker gear in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$210,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$46,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Fire Department. Funding for the remaining 4 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.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Fire;

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Vikie DeLuyck, LMSW, Buyer II/972-4014

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of 2 bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the 1996 MBE/WBE Ordinance, as amended. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This service agreement is to provide cleaning (including decontamination) and repair of the Austin Fire Department's (AFD) bunker gear. "Bunker gear" is the protective ensemble firefighters are required to wear while participating in firefighting operations. To protect the firefighter from the 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 recently issued a new standard, NFPA 1851, which addresses the cleaning and maintenance of bunker gear. This standard had been adopted by the State of Texas through Senate Bill 382. State law mandates that the 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 to these garments are highly technical and only manufacturer-recognized repair facilities are authorized to perform such repairs. Thus, to comply with state law and nationally recognized standards, AFD seeks a service agreement with a qualified vendor to provide the required bunker gear cleaning and repair services.



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**BID TABULATION
IFB No. VD03300133**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT**</u>
Gloves, Inc. Austell, GA	\$48,735.00
National Safety Clean Houston, TX	\$55,423.50

\$48,735 is for cleaning and major repair items listed on the bid sheet for bunker gear. In addition, bidders were asked to provide on the bid sheet a firm fixed unit price for 38 types of minor repairs to be used as needed. Because of the numerous types of minor repairs that could be used, estimated quantities of the number of each repair could not be determined. Based upon the total cost spent on repairs last year, AFD estimates that \$21,265 will be needed to cover minor repairs for this contract.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a) Adequate competition.
- b) Nine notices were sent, including no M/WBEs. Three bids were issued. Two bids were received with no M/WBE response. The current vendor sent a bid response but it was received after the bid closing.
- c) The current contract with Solutions Safety Services does not have the same items listed on the bid sheet to compare with the new bid. The only item that is comparable is the cleaning cost of a turn out coat. It is currently \$16.00 and the new price bid is the same, \$16.00.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a) Low bidder.
- b) The Austin Fire Department concurs with the recommended award.
- c) Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the City web site.