



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 15, 2021

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Purchase of Firefighting Clothing for Corpus Christi Fire Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing a three-year supply agreement with Casco Industries, Inc., from Houston, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$623,556.90, for the purchase of firefighting protective clothing for the City's Fire Department, effective upon issuance of a notice to proceed, with FY 2021 funding in an amount of \$16,321.95 available through the General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes a purchase of firefighting protective clothing for the City of Corpus Christi Fire Department's (CCFD) 414 total firefighters. Adequate clothing and protection are very important in the protection of firefighters who attend emergency calls.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Fire Department has been utilizing globe firefighting protective clothing for the last 39 years. Casco Industries Inc. is the only authorized dealer for Globe firefighting protective clothing for the state of Texas. Globe firefighting protective clothing are specially designed clothing equipped with three layers of protection consisting of an outer shell, a moisture barrier, and a thermal liner.

This Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) being purchased is referred to as "bunker gear" which are the protective suits that fire fighters wear every time they enter any environment that may be considered an imminent danger to life and health as well as for any response that requires extrication. CCFD currently has 414 firefighters that are issued this gear to accomplish their duties safely and effectively. In addition, CCFD maintains an additional 200 sets of firefighting PPEs to be utilized as "loaners" in the event that issued gear is contaminated or soiled from any toxins or hazardous elements that may be encountered on any given emergency call. This "loaner" gear is necessary because the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1851 standard requires PPE to be laundered after every structure fire. Typically, gear is replaced every seven to 10 years depending on usage and the wear and tear. This inventory allows CCFD to interchange torn or damaged firefighting protective clothing as well.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This is a sole source procurement. Casco Industries, Inc., Houston, Texas is the exclusive dealer of Globe gear in the State of Texas. Casco Industries has been supplying CCFD's firefighting protective clothing for almost 40 years.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to purchase the clothing to provide to firefighters for attending emergency calls, leaving firefighters vulnerable to serious or even life-threatening injuries.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The purchase for firefighting protective clothing is a three-year supply agreement with Casco Industries Inc., Houston, TX. The total cost of the three-year agreement equals \$623,556.90. The fiscal impact for CCFD in FY 2021 for this supply agreement is \$16,321.95. The remaining cost of \$607,234.95 will be budgeted through the annual budget process.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12010 Fire Stations
Mission Element:	093 Emergency Response Calls
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	540045 Uniform and Protective Clothing
Amount:	\$16,321.95

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution authorizing the purchase of a three-year supply agreement with Casco Industries LLC. for supplying firefighting protective clothing for the City of Corpus Christi Fire Department.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Supply Agreement
Pricing Sheet