



## 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 the purchase of firefighting clothing for a one-year supply agreement with Casco Industries, Inc., Houston, Texas for a total amount not to exceed \$174,679.10, with two one-year options for a total potential multi-year amount of \$524,037.30.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes a purchase of firefighting protective clothing for the City of Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) for all 414 firefighters within the Corpus Christi Fire Department. 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 that include an outer shell, a moisture barrier, and a thermal liner.

This Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is utilized by firefighters 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 and additional 200 sets of this gear that is utilized as “loaners” in the event that their issued gear is contaminated or soiled from any toxins or hazardous elements that they may encounter 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. This inventory allows us the interchangeability of their 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 have been supplying our firefighting protective clothing for over 30 years and keeping our firefighters safe. Globe and Casco have been partners for many years and the service and product quality have been exceptional.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative would be to leave firefighters without the proper protective clothing when 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 FY2021 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