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**RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER  
FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS**

**WHEREAS**, the Winston-Salem Fire Department budgeted to replace Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment that has reached the end of its useful life; and

**WHEREAS**, SCBA equipment meeting city specifications is available on a cooperative group contract competitively bid by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association (NCSA) who awarded multi-year contracts for first responder supplies and equipment to several vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhinehart Fire Services Co. (Asheville, NC) was awarded contract 24-01-0524R by the NCSA and provides SCBA equipment meeting city specifications. Rhinehart Fire submitted quote #100824-2DH for the needed equipment at a total cost of \$3,627,357.98. Staff recommends award of a purchase order. This recommendation is in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3), a formal bidding exception which authorizes "purchases made through a competitive bidding group purchasing program, which is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing products and services at discount prices to two or more public agencies".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon approval by the Committee of the Whole, that a purchase order is hereby

awarded to Rhinehart Fire Services Co., for

SCBA

equipment meeting bid specifications of NCSA contract #24-01-0524R at a total cost of \$3,627.357.98.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that award of this purchase order constitutes a preliminary determination as to the qualifications of the bidders. The H-GAC contract, the vendor's quote, and the City's purchase order will constitute the contract. The City is not legally bound until the purchase order is duly executed by the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this purchase is included in the FY 2024-25 budget.