

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR  
FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE TURNOUT GEAR**

**WHEREAS**, after due advertisement, bids were received and publicly opened by the City/County Purchasing Department at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, for the purchase of firefighter protective turnout gear as scheduled replacement for gear that will soon reach the 10 year expiration per NFPA 1851 and for fire academy graduates and the following bids were received:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stevens Fire Equipment, Inc.	Morganton, NC	\$203,228.00
Piedmont Fire, Inc.	Greensboro, NC	253,236.00
North America Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	Decatur, AL	256,149.06

**WHEREAS**, the City's FY 2017-18 capital equipment budget includes \$172,960 for the purchase of firefighter protective turnout gear; therefore, Winston-Salem Fire Department is requesting the purchase of 80 sets of firefighter protective turnout gear at a total cost of \$172,960; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a purchase order be awarded to Stevens Fire Equipment, Inc., low bidder meeting specifications, for the purchase of 80 sets of firefighter protective turnout gear at a total cost of \$172,960.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem that a purchase order for 80 sets of firefighter protective turnout gear per bid specifications for the Winston-Salem Fire Department is hereby awarded to Stevens Fire Equipment, Inc., in the total amount of \$172,960.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of this purchase order constitutes a preliminary determination as to the qualifications of the bidder. The City is not legally bound to the purchase until the purchase order is duly executed by the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the purchase is included in the FY 2017-18 capital budget and will be financed through the North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation with funding for the lease payments available in the FY 2017-18 General Fund budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City may reimburse itself for the capital expenditures identified herein with the proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt obligations.