

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: October 10, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and Members of the City Council

Patrice Toney, Interim City Manager

From: Trey Mayo, Fire Chief
Darren Redfield, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Turnout Gear

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: Ensure Service Efficiency and Effectiveness

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Winston-Salem Fire Department has budgeted to replace turnout gear sets that will soon reach its 10-year service life. There is also a need to purchase primary and backup sets of turnout gear for a new recruit class and additional sets for unforeseen incidents, such as gear being condemned and/or unrepairable throughout the year. A complete set of turnout gear consists of coat, pants, suspenders, two pair of boots, two pair of gloves, Nomex hoods, and helmet. The total number of sets being requested is 180.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC), a cooperative purchasing group, awarded contract #EE08-19 to vendors who supply emergency medical and rescue equipment, effective August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2024, and Casco Industries, Inc. (Shreveport, LA) supplies turnout gear per bid specifications. Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc. (Graham, NC) is the North Carolina supplier of the desired equipment and has offered quote #S200376 for the turnout gear at \$3,609.00 per set for a total cost of \$649,620.00 for 180 sets.

N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3) 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."

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>FC – 10/10/2023</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

It is recommended that a purchase order be awarded to Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc., per the bid specifications of H-GAC contract #EE08-19, for 180 sets of turnout gear at a cost of \$3,609.00 per set for a total cost of \$649,620.00. This recommendation is in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3).

The FY 2023-24 capital equipment budget includes sufficient funds for this purchase.

M/WBE comment: See Exhibit A for workforce demographics.