



## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Procurement

**DCM:** David Gaines

**DATE:** June 28, 2022

### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Casco Industries, Inc., through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Contract # 603-20, for turnout gear, protective clothing, and rescue gear for the Fire Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8053 - awarded to Casco Industries, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$406,727.00).

### **INFORMATION/BACKGROUND**

The Fire Department is responsible for providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to all Operations personnel who enter hazardous environments including fires, hazardous materials incidents, and motor vehicle collisions. PPE commonly referred to as “bunker gear” or “turn-out” gear, is designed to protect the upper and lower body, excluding the head, hands, and feet, against adverse environmental effects. All materials and construction must meet or exceed National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1971 and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards for structural firefighting protective clothing.

Firefighters are custom-fitted and assigned a set of PPE. The gear is replaced every five years as required by NFPA 1971. The Department currently has a strict scheduled replacement program that varies from an average of 20 sets of gear being replaced each year to a bulk replacement of 50 sets in a year. An inventory of extra gear has been assembled to replace individual pieces as needed. If a needed piece is not in inventory, a replacement can be ordered. This practice saves time and money by not having to replace an entire set. Individual pieces of PPE from one brand are not interchangeable with another brand due to the exclusive fit and assembly of gear.

The Fire Department currently has 192 members. Seven new members have recently been hired, and 15 members are projected to be hired over the next fiscal year. Each set of PPE includes bunker gear (coat and pants), gloves, hoods, boots, and helmets as shown in the chart below.

| <b>PPE PRICING</b>     |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Rapid Ship Bunker Gear | \$ 2,807.52 |
| Athletix Bunker Gear   | \$ 4,025.00 |
| Gloves                 | \$ 128.82   |
| Hood                   | \$ 79.59    |
| Boots                  | \$ 410.54   |
| Helmet                 | \$ 365.68   |

The Buy Board contract includes a 25% discount on Turnout Gear and a 10-45% discount on Protective Clothing and Rescue Gear. The agreement, Contract Number #603-20, began 4/1/2020 with a termination date of 3/31/2023.

Chapter 271.102 of the Local Government Code authorizes local governments to participate in a cooperative purchasing program with another local government or local cooperative organization. In lieu of competitive bidding, items and services may be purchased through such agreements as the agreements have already been bid by the sponsoring entity or agency. By doing this as a cooperative effort, the combined purchasing usage of these entities was utilized to realize competitive pricing and reduced administrative costs of individual bidding.

Pricing obtained through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Network has been competitively bid and meets the statutory requirements of Texas Local Government Code 271.102.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On February 1, 2005, Council approved the interlocal agreement with the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Network (Ordinance 2005-034).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Award a contract with Casco Industries Inc., for turnout gear, protective clothing, and rescue gear for the Fire Department, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$406,727.

### **ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

This Buy Board contract expires on March 31, 2023.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

These products and services will be funded through the using department's budget on an as-needed basis.

### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet  
Exhibit 2: Contract Items and Pricing  
Exhibit 3: Coop Pricing  
Exhibit 4: Ordinance

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