



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 21, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: David Brannigan, Fire Chief, Fire Department
Subject: Contract: Venture Tactical for Personal Protective Equipment for Firefighters

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Venture Tactical to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for Berkeley Firefighters in an amount up to \$112,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

On June 25, 2019, the Council allocated \$80,000 in FY 2020 and \$100,000 in FY 2021 to provide personal protective equipment for Firefighters as part of the FY 2020 & FY 2021 Biennial Budget Adoption. The FY 2020 funds were appropriated as part of the FY 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance in June 2019. For FY 2021, the funds will be included in the Annual Appropriations Ordinance in June 2020.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, the Berkeley Fire Department does not have the PPE required for first responders to operate at intentional multi-casualty incidents (I-MCI).

On September 12, 2019, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Personal Protective Equipment for the Austere Environment, Specification No. 20-11355-C was issued. The RFP closed on October 22, 2019. Three (3) bids were received and reviewed by staff. Two (2) of the bids were found to collectively meet the requirements of the RFP. The RFP language provides the City the option of selecting multiple vendors to fulfill the identified needs.

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BACKGROUND

In the past, it was a common practice at an active shooter/violent intruder incident for fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) first responders to stage at safe distances while law enforcement (LE) attempted to suppress the threat and secure the incident location.

The time consuming practice of staging fire and EMS first responders while LE officers cleared and secured the incident location resulted in delayed medical treatment to victims. Many victims who succumbed to penetrating injuries in these incidents would have benefited from immediate medical treatment of massive hemorrhaging.

As a result of several high-profile I-MCI, fire and law enforcement agencies have reexamined the strategies and tactics used at I-MCI incidents in an effort to improve victim outcomes while ensuring the safety of first responders.

One key outcome is that fire and EMS first responders require the PPE and training to operate within an active incident where there threat of violence from firearms may still be present. This allows first responders to provide lifesaving patient care and extrication to those victims that require immediate and definitive care to survive.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Providing lifesaving interventions to patients that are located within a violent incident that have suffered critical injuries is an evolving threat for fire and EMS first responders. The Berkeley Fire Department is working diligently to provide the necessary training and equipment for its members so they are prepared and ready to respond.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: VENTURE TACTICAL FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
FOR FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, fire and EMS first responders require PPE and training to operate within an active incident where there threat of violence from firearms may still be present. Proper PPE will allow first responders to provide lifesaving patient care and extrication to those victims that require immediate and definitive care to survive, and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Fire Department does not have the PPE required for first responders to operate at intentional multi-casualty incidents (I-MCI),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$112,000 will be appropriated as follows in the General Fund Biennial Budget process in FY 2020 (\$44,000) and FY 2021(\$68,000), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract with Venture Tactical to provide personal protective equipment to Firefighters of the City of Berkeley.

