TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Ken Johnson, ES Chief

SUBJECT: Supplied Air Respirator System Purchase

DATE: December 20, 2005

NEEDS: For the City Council to authorize the Chief of Emergency Services to purchase a

Supplied Air Respirator System.

FACTS: 1 Supplied air respirators are utilized by firefighters when conducting rescue operations in oxygen deficient atmospheres.

2. In the adopted budget, Council allocated \$92,200 to heavy breaking/breaching equipment for rescue functions. The supplied respirators represent a portion of that equipment.

3. Emergency Services obtained a quote from Bauer Compressors, the sole source vendor for fresh air breathing equipment, in the amount of \$15,523.96.

ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION:

Emergency Services' workers routinely will routinely utilize supplied air respirators as a fresh air supply when conducting rescue operations. Their use is mandatory in a significant number of work situations, including confined space and trench rescue.

A general fund new/expanded service budget request was made, and subsequently approved by Council, for heavy breaking/breaching equipment for rescue functions. These supplied air respirators represent a portion of that equipment.

Supplied air respirators and associated accessories are considered an additional component of existing fresh air systems. They interface with existing facepieces and cylinders providing interoperability. Additionally, annual testing and maintenance will be conducted in-house as our current technicians are proficient in this manufacture's equipment.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual, Section 7.0

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IMPACT: \$15,524, currently allocated in 100.220.5212.150 and approved by Council

Resolution 05-112.

OPTIONS: a. Adopt Resolution No. 05-xxx authorizing Emergency Services to purchase supplied air respirators and associated equipment for \$15,523.93 from Bauer Compressors, the sole source provider; or

b. Amend, modify, or reject above option.



Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services

To: Ken Johnson, Chief

From: Kevin Taylor, Battalion Chief

Date: December 6. 2005

Subject: Sole Source Vendor (Purchase Order Number 06FD007)

I recommend that we purchase the supplied air respirator unit and associated accessories authorized in our fiscal year 2006 expanded service request titled "Heavy Breaking/Breaching Equipment for Rescue Functions" via the Sole Source Vendor provision in the Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual.

Section 7.0 – Sole Source Vendors states:

In the case of sole source vendors, quotation and bid requirements may be waived by the City's purchasing authority when in his judgment the City is best served by a particular vendor.

The executive manager shall submit a purchase order and written explanation as to justification of sole sourcing to the City's purchasing authority for approval. If approved by the purchasing authority, a copy of the written explanation shall be attached to the copy of the purchase order that is forwarded to Administrative Services.

Justification for use of the sole source vendor provision includes:

- 1. Supplied air respirators and associated accessories are considered an additional component of our existing SCBA units. These units interface with our existing SCBA facepieces and cylinders.
- 2. We purchased 27 SCBA units and 52 cylinders in October 2003, and 2 SCBA and 4 cylinders in August 2004 from the same vendor utilizing the sole source provision.
- 3. Supplied air respirator's, SCBA's, and cylinders are very maintenance intensive requiring annual parts exchange and testing. This testing and part replacement must be completed by a certified technician; we have 2 on staff.
- 4. SCBA use requires annual fit testing. We currently issue SCBA masks to every staff member; their masks are compatible with these units.

A purchase order is attached. Please contact me with any questions or comments.



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3	100 ft PVC Coated Low Pressure Hose w/ Hansen Fittings installed. P/N HOS-67			lansen	12	\$218.00	\$2,616.00
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RESOLUTION NO. 05-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIED AIR RESPIRATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of the use of personal protective equipment in hazardous environments; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to provide supplied air respirators to firefighters conducting rescue operations in oxygen deficient atmospheres; and

WHEREAS, the City allocated funds in the current fiscal year to obtain heavy breaking/breaching equipment for rescue functions; and

WHEREAS, supplied air respirators are part of this equipment; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Interspiro brand of supplied air respirator will provide the greatest benefit.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles authorizes the Chief of Emergency Services to purchase of four (4) supplied air respirator units, four (4) air source carts, and other supplied air respirator related equipment from Bauer San Francisco of San Francisco, California, in the amount of \$15,523.96.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 20th day of December 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
	Frank R. Mecham, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk	