


**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Ken Johnson, ES Chief   
**SUBJECT:** Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment Purchase  
**DATE:** July 7, 2009

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**NEEDS:** For the City Council to authorize the Chief of Emergency Services to purchase firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

- FACTS:**
1. Firefighters wear specialized protective clothing when operating inside environments that are immediately dangerous to life and health. The expected service life of each set of protective clothing is ten years.
  2. The City was awarded a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the purpose of replacing firefighter PPE and related equipment in the amount of \$91,718 on December 19, 2008. AFG Grants require the City pay ten percent of the total grant award; or \$9,172.
  3. In accordance with Section 3.0 of the Purchasing and Payment Procedure Manual, Emergency Services solicited bids for firefighter PPE.

**ANALYSIS &**

**CONCLUSION:** Firefighter PPE is provided to every firefighter in the organization as required by law and includes helmet, goggles, boots, gloves, protective hood, flashlight, turnout jacket and turnout pants. The grant award also included specialized protective equipment required by CalOSHA Title 8 for emergency medical response and a heavy duty washer/extractor to launder protective equipment.

Vendors were invited to submit sealed bids for twenty-four sets of firefighter PPE, EMS PPE and one heavy duty washer/extractor by Friday, June 5, 2009. Emergency Services received three bids, one past the bid deadline. The two bids were \$26,256 and \$88,857.

The low bid was considered non-responsive (i.e., failed to conform to the specification by not bidding on all protective clothing). Staff recommends acceptance of the only bid that conformed to the specification, submitted by Fisher Safety in the amount of \$88,857.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual, Section 7.0

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:** \$88,857, from account 100.220.5212.150 (\$79,971 reimbursed by AFG Grant, \$8,886 from current allocation).

**OPTIONS:**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 09-XXX authorizing Emergency Services to purchase firefighter PPE for \$88,857 from Fisher Safety, or
- b. Amend, modify or reject above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE  
EQUIPMENT

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WHEREAS, Firefighters are required to wear specialized protective equipment when operating inside environments that are immediately dangerous to life and health; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services personal protective equipment is at the end of its service life; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services obtained a Federal Assistance to Firefighter's Grant providing ninety percent of the purchase cost; and

WHEREAS, competitive bids were obtained as required by City Purchasing Rules.

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 firefighter personal protective equipment from Fisher Safety, in the amount of \$88,857.15.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 7th day of July 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy M. David, Deputy City Clerk