

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 1, 2022

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(F)(1)

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor

**Subject:** Approval of a Designated Purchase under Contract No. FB-00664, Cleaning and Repair of Bunker Gear

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve this request for a designated purchase under *Contract No. FB-00664, Cleaning and Repair of Bunker Gear*, for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. Approval of the designated purchase is being requested, pursuant to Section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the Miami-Dade County Code, by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, to authorize additional expenditure authority in the amount of \$811,546 to continue purchasing cleaning and repair services for firefighter personal protective equipment. The Small Business Enterprise Bid Preference and Local Preferences were applied.

Additional expenditure authority is needed because Fire Rescue has almost depleted the current contract allocation. The usage of this contract has increased due to contamination in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, unanticipated bio-hazardous exposure, new NFPA recommendations and increased bunker gear inventory. Since September 2020, NFPA standards require a post-incident cleaning after each exposure to viruses and bacteria, or any type of blood borne pathogen. Additionally, 2,100 new bunker gear sets are being added to Fire Rescue's inventory to provide a replacement set of protective gear for each firefighter thereby minimizing risk exposure. Cleaning of bunker gear is necessary in reducing the risk of cancer and ensuring the availability of clean, safe, and compliant protective clothing for firefighters.

The County awarded this competitively established contract under delegated authority on April 16, 2018, for a five-year term. Subsequently, on November 12, 2020, through Resolution No. R-1187-20, the Board approved additional expenditure authority in order to support the operational needs of the department resulting from increased service frequencies.

## **Background**

Fire Rescue uses this contract to repair and clean the personal protective equipment worn by firefighters when responding to structural fires, auto accidents and other hazards. This equipment consists of fireproof coats and pants, helmets, hoods, gloves and boots, collectively known as bunker gear. For the safety of the firefighters, cleaning and repair of the gear must be accomplished in compliance with National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Standard 1851- Standard on Selection, Care and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting.

Services received through this contract require timely cleaning and repairs to the firefighters' bunker gear to avoid contamination that could lead to health and safety concerns. Competition is not practicable at this time because competing for these additional services will impact Fire Rescue's ability to ensure prompt decontamination of firefighters' gears exposed to toxic carcinogens and chemicals during daily operations. Also, Fire Rescue would not be able to meet scheduled NFPA structural firefighting gear cleaning and certification requirements. Accordingly, it is in the County's best interest to authorize this designated purchase for additional expenditure authority pursuant to Section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the County Code to ensure continuity of services received through this contract, which are critical for the health, safety, and protection of the County's firefighters.

**Scope**

The scope of this item is countywide in nature.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The contract expires on July 31, 2023 and has a cumulative allocation of \$1,545,369. If this request is approved, the contract will have a modified cumulative allocation of \$2,356,915. The requested increase in expenditure authority is based on the estimated operational needs of the Department for the remainder of the contract term. The additional expenditure for this year was approved by the Board as part of the fiscal year 2021-22 County budget.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Existing Cumulative Allocation</b>	<b>Additional Allocation Requested</b>	<b>Modified Cumulative Allocation</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Contract Manager</b>
Fire Rescue	\$1,545,369	\$811,546	\$2,356,915	Fire District Funds	Marianela Betancourt
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,545,369</b>	<b>\$811,546</b>	<b>\$2,356,915</b>		

**Track Record/Monitor**

Sophia Cunningham of the Internal Services Department is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

**Delegated Authority**

If this item is approved, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee will have the authority to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation or extension provisions, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

**Awarded Vendor**

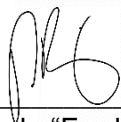
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Principal Address</b>	<b>Local Address</b>	<b>Principal</b>
MBGC, LLC dba Minerva Bunker Gear Cleaners	3795 NW 38 Street Miami, FL	Same	Joseph X. Xiras

**Due Diligence**

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with the Internal Services Department’s Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

**Applicable Ordinances and Contract Measures**

- The User Access Program provision applies and the two percent program discount will be collected on all purchases.
- The Small Business Enterprise Bid Preference and Local Preferences were applied.
- The Living Wage applies as these services are covered under the Ordinance.



Alfredo “Freddy” Ramirez  
 Interim Chief Public Safety Officer



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** June 1, 2022

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(F)(1)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present , 2/3 membership , 3/5's , unanimous , CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) , CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) , or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2)  to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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6-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED PURCHASE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1(B)(3) OF THE COUNTY CODE BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY IN A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$811,546.00 TO MBGC, LLC DBA MINERVA BUNKER GEAR CLEANERS FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CONTRACT AWARD OF \$2,356,915.00 FOR CONTRACT NO. FB-00664 FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLEANING AND REPAIR OF BUNKER GEAR FOR THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION OR EXTENSION PROVISIONS, PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE SECTION 2-8.1 AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** This Board finds it is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County to approve a designated purchase in a total amount up to \$811,546.00 for a total contract amount of \$2,356,915.00 for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, pursuant to section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present to MBGC, LLC dba Minerva Bunker Gear Cleaners under Contract No. FB-00664.

**Section 2.** This Board authorizes additional expenditure authority under the Contract for the purchase of cleaning and repair of bunker gear in an amount not to exceed \$811,546.00 for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, as set forth in the incorporated memorandum.

**Section 3.** This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation or extension provisions, pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38. Copies of the contract documents are on file with and available upon request from the Internal Services Department, Strategic Procurement Division.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

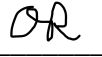
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

  
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Oren Rosenthal