

Memorandum



Date: July 20, 2021

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Amended
Agenda Item No. 8(F)(6)

Resolution No. R-683-21

Subject: Recommendation for Approval to Award Contract No. FB-01840, Structural Firefighter Personal Protective Clothing (Bunker Gear)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve a competitive contract award, *Contract No. FB-01840, Structural Firefighter Personal Protective Clothing (Bunker Gear)*, for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department in the amount of \$12,740,722. This procurement is vital to the firefighter cancer prevention initiative and will provide a replacement set of protective gear to all personnel after each incident when needed. On March 2, 2021, through Resolution No. R-148-21, the Board rejected all proposals received in response to solicitation *FB-01661 (Firefighter Personal Protective Clothing)* as the majority of the bidders had taken exceptions and were deemed non-responsive by the County Attorney's Office. The remaining bidder's pricing was high and exceeded the department's budget.

An expedited procurement process was initiated at the request of the Board members. The replacement solicitation included a two-stage process. The first stage included qualification requirements and allowed bidders to submit exceptions for the County's consideration. The second stage advised all bidders of the County's decision on exceptions and requested pricing.

The solicitation contained four groups: 1) Structural Firefighting Ensemble; 2) Structural Firefighting Particulate Blocking Hood; 3) Structural Firefighting Boot (Rubber); and 4) Structural Firefighting Helmet. Award is being recommended on a group by group basis to the lowest priced, responsive and responsible bidders for Groups 3 and 4. Group 1 consists of two different brands of ensembles and is being awarded to the lowest priced, responsive and responsible bidder, per brand. Group 2 will be awarded at a later date.

Seven bids were received in response to the solicitation and four vendors are being recommended for award. Upon advertisement of the solicitation, a total of 1,590 vendors, were notified in BidSync, of which 50 downloaded the solicitation. Additional outreach efforts included contacting vendors identified through market research as well as notifying incumbent vendors.

The contract will provide for the purchase of structural firefighting personal protective clothing, which consists of ensembles, hoods, boots and helmets. The ensemble comprises a waist length coat and a trouser designed to offer optimum protection and functional mobility. All protective clothing items comply with applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and National Fire Protection Association standards. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department responds to thousands of fires each year requiring the use of structural firefighting protective clothing. These clothing protects firefighters against risks such as excessive heat, physical injury, and exposure to liquid contaminants during firefighting operations. The contract will allow the County to have an adequate inventory of personal protective clothing, decrease out-of-service time for fire emergencies, and minimize risk exposure while maximizing the level of service provided to the community. It is an important component to reducing the risk of cancer for MDFR firefighters and will ensure clean, safe, and compliant protective gear is always available.

Scope

The scope of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the five-year term is \$12,740,722. The current contract, *FB-00654*, is valued at \$4,500,000 for a five-year term and expires on July 31, 2023. The allocation under this contract is higher than the current contract due to increased quantities which are necessary for the immediate purchase of 2100 ensembles and on-site inventory to ensure that firefighters are issued a secondary set of gear after each firefighting operation. After a firefighter extinguishes a fire, and the bunker gear is contaminated by smoke and/or other toxic carcinogens, firefighters need a second set of bunker gear in order to have their first set decontaminated. This will reduce exposure to contaminants, and is critical for the Department’s firefighter cancer reduction and mitigation plan. The new contract includes additional brands and models that were not included in the current contract.

Department	Allocation	Funding Source	Contract Manager
Fire Rescue	\$12,740,722	Fire District	Marianela Betancourt
Total:	\$12,740,722		

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, renewal, or extension provisions, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

Vendors Recommended for Award

An Invitation to Bid was issued under full and open competition. Seven bids were received in response to the solicitation, including one from a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firm.

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-477-18, the lowest priced, responsive and responsible vendors are recommended in accordance with the award method per the solicitation and are non-local. There are limited number of vendors with the certifications and capabilities to supply the required personal protective clothing for firefighters.

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address*	Number of Employee Residents	Principal	Awarded Groups
			1) Miami-Dade 2) Percentage*		
Bennett Fire Products Company, Inc.	195 Stockwood Drive, Suite 170 Woodstock, GA	None	0	Richard D. Bennett	Group 4
			0%		
LION First Responder PPE, Inc.	7200 Poe Avenue, Suite 400 Dayton, OH	None	0	Stepheen A. Schwartz	Group 3
			0%		
Municipal Equipment Company, LLC	408 Bif Court Orlando, FL	None	0	Mathew Fenneman	Group 1- Brand A
			0%		
Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC dba Ten-8 Fire Equipment	2904 59 Avenue Drive East, Bradenton, FL	None	0	Keith B. Chapman	Group 1 - Brand B
			0%		

*Provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-1011-15. Percentage of employee residents is the percentage of vendor’s employees who reside in Miami-Dade County as compared to the vendor’s total workforce.

Vendors Not Recommended for Award

Vendor	Local Address	Reason for Not Recommending
Gassant Enterprises LLC dba Gassant Enterprises (SBE)	Yes	Vendor bid for Group 2 – Not awarded
Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.	No	Higher than lowest bid
North America Fire Equipment Co. Inc.	No	

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.

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-140-15, prior to re-procurement, a full review of the scope of services was conducted to ensure the replacement contract reflects the County’s current needs. The review included conducting market research, posting a draft solicitation for industry comment, and holding meetings and drafting sessions with the user department. The scope of services was updated to include structural firefighting personal protective clothing designed and manufactured in compliance with National Fire Protection Association 1971 latest edition, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and other requirements to protect the firefighters from adverse conditions, sizing schedules for ensembles, and increased quantities to guarantee sufficient protective clothing for the County’s firefighters.

Applicable Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program provision applies.
- The Small Business Enterprise Bid Preference and Local Preference were applied.
- The Living Wage does not apply.



JD Patterson
Chief Public Safety Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: July 20, 2021

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Amended
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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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7-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. **R-683-21**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. FB-01840 GROUP 1-BRAND A TO MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY, LLC, CONTRACT NO. FB-01840 GROUP 1-BRAND B TO TEN-8 FIRE & SAFETY, LLC DBA TEN-8 FIRE EQUIPMENT, CONTRACT NO. FB-01840 GROUP 3 TO LION FIRST RESPONDER PPE, INC., AND CONTRACT NO. FB-01840 GROUP 4 TO BENNETT FIRE PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (BUNKER GEAR) FOR THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT WITH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,740,722.00, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THIS AWARD TO MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY, LLC FOR GROUP 1 – BRAND A, TEN-8 FIRE & SAFETY, LLC DBA TEN-8 FIRE EQUIPMENT, GROUP 1 – BRAND B, LION FIRST RESPONDER PPE, INC. FOR GROUP 3, AND BENNETT FIRE PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC. FOR GROUP 4, ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE PURCHASE ORDERS TO GIVE EFFECT TO SAME AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION, RENEWAL OR EXTENSION PROVISIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

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

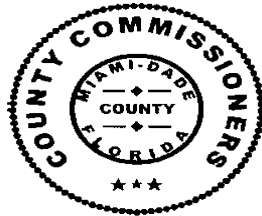
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves award of Contract No. FB-01840 Group 1-Brand A to Municipal Equipment Company, LLC, Contract No. FB-01840 Group 1-Brand B to Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC dba Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Contract No. Fb-01840 Group 3 to Lion First Responder PPE, Inc., and Contract No. FB-01840 Group 4 to Bennett Fire Products Company, Inc. for the purchase of Structural Firefighter Personal

Protective Clothing (Bunker Gear) for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department with an amount not to exceed \$12,740,722.00, for a Five-Year term; and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to give notice of this award to Municipal Equipment Company, LLC for Group 1 – Brand A, Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC dba Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Group 1 – Brand B, Lion First Responder PPE, Inc. for Group 3, and Bennett Fire Products Company, Inc. for Group 4, issue the appropriate purchase orders to give effect to same and exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation, renewal or extension provisions, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Implementing Order 3-38. A copy of the contract document is on file with and available upon request from the Internal Services Department, Strategic Procurement Division.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee**
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of July, 2021. 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Oren Rosenthal