

Date: July 6, 2023

To: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(12)

From: Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor

Resolution No. R-628-23

Subject: Recommendation for Approval to Award Cleaning and Repair of Bunker Gear

### Summary

This item is for cleaning and repair services for firefighter protective uniforms, otherwise known as bunker/turnout gear, for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR). Bunker gear is the firefighter uniform ensemble, which consists of a fireproof helmet, hood, jacket, gloves, pants, suspenders, and boots. This contract provides for pick-up and delivery of bunker gear sets from approximately 100 fire stations located throughout the County and also includes storage of a second set of bunker gear at the vendor's location. Bunker gear maintenance is vital for firefighter cancer prevention and in reducing the health and safety risks associated with improperly or poorly maintained bunker gear. The contract will provide required cleaning and repair services for each set of protective gear in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association's Standard 1851 (NFPA 1851) after each incident to ensure clean, safe, and compliant protective gear is always available.

This contract will be utilized to repair and clean over 5,200 bunker gear sets. The usage of these services has increased by more than five times due to contamination related to the COVID-19 pandemic, increase in biohazardous exposure incidents, 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, and advanced inspections two times a year for each bunker gear set. Additionally, a second set (currently 2,100) of new bunker gear was added to MDFR's inventory, as required by NFPA, to provide a replacement set of protective gear for each firefighter, thereby minimizing risks of exposure.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve a competitive award, *Contract No. EVN0000251, Cleaning and Repair of Bunker Gear*, to Fire-Dex GW, LLC dba Gear Wash in the amount of \$12,758,625, for a five-year term, for MDFR. This contract will replace *Contract No. FB-00664*, which was approved under delegated authority on May 16, 2018, for a five-year term in the amount of \$780,369. The contract was subsequently modified under delegated authority and by the Board through Resolution Nos. R-1187-20 and R-521-22 and has a current cumulative value of \$2,356,915.

### Background

On February 16, 2023, *Solicitation No. EVN0000251* was issued under full and open competition for the purchase of cleaning and repair service of bunker gear. Upon advertisement of the solicitation, a total of 281 vendors were notified. One bid was received on March 22, 2023, in response to the solicitation. Outreach efforts included contacting vendors identified through market research as well as notifying the incumbent vendor. Market research revealed a limited number of vendors able to provide the required services in accordance with the specifications. A survey of the vendors identified through market research was conducted to determine if there were any barriers that existed that would have prevented competition. Of the three responses received, one stated that they did not meet the requirements of the solicitation, and one missed the notification in INFORMS. The third vendor was notified via email of the advertisement but did not register with the County.

The bunker gear protects firefighters against risks such as excessive heat, physical injury, and exposure to liquid contaminants during firefighting operations. MDFR will use this contract to repair and clean the bunker gear worn by firefighters when responding to structural fires, auto accidents, and other hazards. The vendor will be responsible for inventory tracking and reporting on the maintenance of the bunker gear using a web-based system. Cleaning of bunker gear is essential as these items become contaminated with smoke, perspiration, blood, and any chemical that combusted in the heat of a fire. Vendor is required to have facility located in Miami-Dade County to ensure fast transportation of second set of bunker gear stored at the vendor's facility.

### **Scope**

The scope of this item is countywide in nature.

### **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The fiscal impact for the five-year term is \$12,758,625. The current contract, *FB-00664*, is valued at \$2,356,915, for a five-year and three-month term and expires on October 31, 2023. The allocation under the replacement contract is higher than the current contract due to increased estimated quantities for cleaning, the addition of advance inspections two times a year for each set, increase in bunker gear inventory and the number of incidents, additional items, inflation, supply chain disruptions for the chemicals and other items used in the process, and labor costs. Prices under the replacement contract are approximately 42 percent higher than current contract prices for similar items. The replacement contract's allocation is based on the projected use by MDFR for the five-year term of the contract and is included in MDFR's budget.

| Department    | Allocation          | Funding Source      | Contract Manager     |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| MDFR          | \$12,758,625        | Fire District Funds | Marianela Betancourt |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$12,758,625</b> |                     |                      |

### **Track Record/Monitor**

Dr. Lydia Osborne of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the SPD Assistant Director.

### **Delegated Authority**

If this item is approved, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will have authority to give notice of this award to the recommended vendor, issue the appropriate orders to give effect to same and exercise all provisions of the contract, including cancellation or extension provisions, pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Implementing Order 3-38.

### **Vendor Recommended for Award**

| Vendor                           | Principal Address                      | Local Address                  | Number of Employee Residents    | Principal           |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                  |                                        |                                | 1) Miami-Dade<br>2) Percentage* |                     |
| Fire Dex GW LLC<br>dba Gear Wash | 780 South Progress Drive<br>Medina, OH | 3795 NW 38 Street<br>Miami, FL | 37                              | Taylor Burke Gilman |
|                                  |                                        |                                | 97%                             |                     |

\*Provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-1011-15, the 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.

### **Due Diligence**

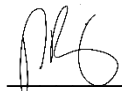
Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with the SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a

keyword internet search. 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 comments, and holding meetings and drafting sessions with the user department. The scope of services was updated to include increased services required. The price escalation clause is also updated in accordance with the current market for bunker gear and maintenance services; to mitigate operational delays and contract deficiencies due to inflation, supply chain disruptions, and labor costs.

**Applicable Ordinances and Contract Measures**

- The two percent User Access Program provision.
- The Small Business Enterprise Bid Preference and Local Preference applied.
- The Living Wage does not apply as the services are not covered under the Ordinance.
- The Responsible Wages and Benefits does not apply as the services are not covered under the Ordinance.



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Alfredo "Freddy" Ramirez III  
Chief of Safety and Emergency Response



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 6, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(P)(12)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(12)  
7-6-23

RESOLUTION NO. R-628-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. EVN0000251 TO FIRE DEX GW LLC DBA GEAR WASH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,758,625.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLEANING AND REPAIR OF BUNKER GEAR FOR MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THIS AWARD TO THE RECOMMENDED VENDOR, ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE ORDERS TO GIVE EFFECT TO SAME AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION OR EXTENSION PROVISIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

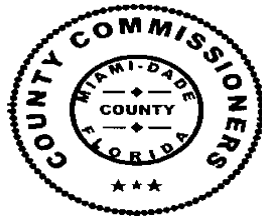
**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board approves award of Contract No. EVN0000251 to Fire Dex GW LLC dba Gear Wash. in an amount not to exceed \$12,758,625.00 for the purchase of cleaning and repair of bunker gear for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department for a five-year term; and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to give notice of this award to the recommended vendor, issue the appropriate orders to give effect to same and exercise all provisions of the contract, including cancellation 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 Strategic Procurement Department.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Juan Carlos Bermudez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

|                                  |            |                      |               |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman | <b>aye</b> |                      |               |
| Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman | <b>aye</b> |                      |               |
| Marleine Bastien                 | <b>aye</b> | Juan Carlos Bermudez | <b>aye</b>    |
| Kevin Marino Cabrera             | <b>aye</b> | Sen. René García     | <b>absent</b> |
| Roberto J. Gonzalez              | <b>aye</b> | Keon Hardemon        | <b>absent</b> |
| Danielle Cohen Higgins           | <b>aye</b> | Eileen Higgins       | <b>aye</b>    |
| Kionne L. McGhee                 | <b>aye</b> | Raquel A. Regalado   | <b>absent</b> |
| Micky Steinberg                  | <b>aye</b> |                      |               |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Melanie J. Spencer