

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13P COOP NPPGOV PS26250 PPE TURNOUT GEAR JJ FD

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreement with North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. Using a Cooperative Contract for Personal Protective Equipment Turnout Gear in an Amount Up to \$700,000.00 for the Initial One-Year Term and Authorize Four One-Year Renewal Options for the Same Annual Amount for the Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. using a Cooperative Contract for personal protective equipment turnout gear in an annual amount up to \$700,000.00 for the initial one-year term and authorize four one-year renewal options for the same annual amount for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of an agreement with North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. (NAFECO) under National Purchasing Partners Government (NPPGov) Cooperative Contract No. PS26250 for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including turnout gear and related items, for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel. This agreement will ensure the Fire Department maintains a reliable supply of compliant protective gear that meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and supports safe, efficient, and uninterrupted emergency response operations while maintaining current service levels.

FUNDING: The maximum annual amount allowed under this agreement will be \$700,000.00; however, the actual amount used will be based on the needs of the department and available funding. A portion of the funding is available in the General Operating and Maintenance category for fiscal year (FY) 2026 within the General Fund for the Fire Department. Upon adoption of the FY2027 Operating budget additional funding will be available.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE: State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchase agreement satisfies any state law requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for the purchase of the item. NPPGov Contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities across the State of Texas. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for National Purchasing Partners Government (League of Oregon Cities) No.2555 was published on November 14, 2025, through December 22, 2025.

AGREEMENT TERM: The initial term of the agreement will begin upon execution and end on March 6, 2027.

RENEWAL OPTIONS: In accordance with the terms of NPPGov Contract No. PS26250, there are four one-year options to renew. The spending authority for the renewal period, if exercised, will be in an amount up to \$700,000.00. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

SMALL BUSINESS: A Small Business goal is not assigned to this contract because a waiver has been approved by the department's Assistant City Manager, in accordance with the City's Small Business Ordinance.

The agreement serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, and upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget, as appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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