



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
July 25, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Gil Dong, Fire Chief

Subject: Purchase Order: AllStar Fire Equipment Inc. for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with AllStar Fire Equipment Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$499,486 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and related accessories. AllStar Fire Equipment Inc. is an authorized distributor and authorized service center for testing and repair of the SCBA products for the State of California.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The purchase price of self-contained breathing apparatus and related accessories will not exceed \$499,486. This total includes state and local sales taxes. Funding for the purchase of these SCBA is available in the FY 2017 budget in the General Fund (budget code 010-6402-420-7041). These funds will be carried over to FY 2018 and appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This purchase (72 SCBA units, 100 carbon cylinders, 135 facepieces, and other related accessories) will replace existing SCBAs that have reached the end of their useful lives. They are needed by the City's Firefighters to replace its currently obsolete/substandard Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The new SCBA's will enable the Department to improve firefighter safety, accountability and mutual aid compatibility, reduce expenditures for ongoing repairs, and meet the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and National Fire Protection Association standards.

This purchase piggybacked off competitively bid awards of the City of Anaheim to ensure the best pricing. AllStar Fire Equipment Inc. was the successful bidder on the City of Anaheim Request for Bid solicitation No. 8792. In an effort to streamline the replacement process for these SCBAs, this bid is being used to piggyback this purchase.

### BACKGROUND

The current fleet of SCBA's was purchased using a one-time FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in 2005. New standards for various components of the SCBA systems require replacement of the old models. Repair costs and out of service time on the old units is increasing. It is not feasible to have a "mix and match" approach to SCBA's as they must be compatible with every firefighter's equipment.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects associated with the subject of this report.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The current SCBAs are at the end of their service life. They are obsolete and no longer meet update OSHA and NFPA requirements. In addition, they require increased amounts of maintenance and upkeep. The new SCBA are in compliance with the current OSHA and NFPA requirements and will improve safety for firefighters engaging in fire suppression and rescue operations.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Issue a Request for Proposal for the purchase of new SCBAs to replace the entire inventory. If a different manufacturer is selected, the cost for the inventory and training of a different model SCBA will be substantially higher.

### CONTACT PERSON

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### Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT INC. SELF-CONTAINED  
BREATHING APPARATUS

WHEREAS, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and accessories are needed by the Berkeley Fire Department for its fire suppression and rescue operations. The existing SCBAs have reached the end of their service life and are due for replacement; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2016 the City of Anaheim released Request for Bid No. 8792 for the purchase of 140 SCBA units, 280 carbon cylinders, 205 facepieces, and related accessories; and

WHEREAS, AllStar Fire Equipment Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$499,486 are available in the FY 2017 General Fund (budget code 010-6402-420-7041) and these funds will be carried over to FY 2018 and appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that pursuant to the City of Anaheim bid procedures and specifications, the City Manager is hereby authorized under Charter section 67.2 to purchase 72 SCBA units, 100 carbon cylinders, 135 facepieces, and related accessories from AllStar Fire Equipment Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$499,486.

