

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 20-213, **Version:** 2

An Ordinance approving the use of a cooperative contract between National Purchasing Partners, LLC and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc./Lawmen Supply Company for the purchase of Fire-Dex structural firefighting gear and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to use the same by and on behalf of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri. (F&BC 11/9/20)

Issue/Request:

An Ordinance approving the use of a cooperative contract between National Purchasing Partners, LLC and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc./Lawmen Supply Company for the purchase of Fire-Dex structural firefighting gear and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to use the same by and on behalf of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri

Background:

The City of Lee's Summit Fire Department ("Fire Department") currently uses firefighting protective gear, including structural, wildland, and extrication gear, which is manufactured by Fire-Dex, LLC. The Fire Department previously evaluated several products, of which Fire-Dex scored the highest overall in the evaluation. The Fire Department purchases structural firefighting gear annually due to the replacement cycle that is prescribed for the gear's service life and to ensure that our employees safety equipment meets those standards. Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. is the NPP approved regional dealer of the Fire-Dex brand of products in the Kansas and western Missouri regions, utilizing the Co-Operative purchasing contract.

The Fire Department continues with recently established health and wellness initiatives related to cancer reduction for our employees. These initiatives include coming into full compliance with replacement schedules of firefighting gear, and the purchase and use of wildland/extrication gear for a utilitarian use, limiting the exposure of time spent in firefighting gear and thereby reducing the exposure to cancer causing contaminants inherent to that gear.

The Fire Department is requesting approval of this agreement which will allow for the timely purchase and acquisition of this vitally important protective gear.

Key Issues:

- The Fire department currently utilized Fire-Dex structural firefighting gear.
- Firefighting gear is specialized protective equipment that must be maintained and replaced according to required standards.
- Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. is an approved vendor through National Purchasing Partners (NPP).
- NPP is the established Co-Operative Purchasing Contract recognized and approved for use by the City of Lee's Summit

Proposed City Council Motion:

FIRST MOTION: I move for a second reading of an Ordinance approving the use of a cooperative contract between National Purchasing Partners, LLC and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc./Lawmen Supply Company for the purchase of Fire-Dex structural firefighting gear and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to use the same by and on behalf of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri

SECOND MOTION: I move for adoption of an Ordinance approving the use of a cooperative contract between National Purchasing Partners, LLC and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc./Lawmen Supply Company for the purchase of Fire-Dex structural firefighting gear and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to use the same by and on behalf of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri

Brian Austerman, Assistant Fire Chief (V)

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

At the November 9, 2020 Finance and Budget Committee, on motion by Councilmember Felker, second by Councilmember Forte, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council approval of an Ordinance approving the use of a cooperative contract between National Purchasing Partners, LLC and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc./Lawmen Supply Company for the purchase of Fire-Dex structural firefighting gear and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to use the same by and on behalf of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.