



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and City Commission

FROM: Douglas E. Smith, City Manager

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APPROVING WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) STRETCHERS, ACCESSORIES AND EXTENDED WARRANTY, FROM STRYKER; APPROVING WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF NINE (9) STAIR CHAIRS FROM FERNO; APPROVING 3-YEAR EXTENDED MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT FROM EMSAR FOR STAIR CHAIRS; PROVIDING FOR STRETCHER INSTALLATION FROM TEN-8 AS THE ONLY MANUFACTURER RECOMMENDED INSTALLER IN THE LOCAL AREA; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE 2014 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG).

BACKGROUND: The City was recently awarded the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding from the US Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for power lift stretchers and power stair chairs. On October 28, 2015, the City Commission formally accepted the grant. This equipment is the latest technology and has proven to reduce firefighter injuries caused by the lifting of patients and carrying patients up and down stairs. This equipment lifts patients automatically, eliminating the need for firefighters to rely on brute strength.

Stryker is the sole source manufacturer of power load stretchers. This stretcher system lifts and lowers the cots into and out of the ambulance, reducing spinal loads and the risk of cumulative trauma injuries. As part of the purchase, Stryker will provide a three year protection service. The power load stretchers will be installed by Ten-8 Fire Equipment, which is located the closest of the manufacturer's recommended installers to the City. Ten-8 will install five of the six stretchers being purchased because the remaining stretcher will be installed directly by the new rescue vehicle's manufacturer.

Ferno is the sole source manufacturer of power stair chairs. This stair chair system glides up to 500lb loads down stairs without carrying or lifting. The motor and track system carry the weight, reducing fatigue and the chance for injury. The City is requesting to enter into an extended service warranty agreement with Emsar. Emsar will provide preventative maintenance, equipment tune-up, equipment evaluation, usage evaluation/training, equipment report, and repair or replacement of all parts minus batteries, head rest, and restraints. This is a three year service warranty agreement that begins at the conclusion of the two year manufacturer warranty.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost of the equipment is \$326,725.50. The City is responsible for a 10% match of \$29,702.32. This amount is available in the FY 2016 General Fund Budget.

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