

AGENDA REPORT

DATE: July 6, 2004

ITEM: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

INITIATED BY: Training Officer Doug Bennyhoff

ACTION REQUESTED: Award Bid

PRESENTED BY: Fire Chief Randy McCamley

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Great Falls Fire Rescue staff recommends that the City Commission award the bid to Heiman Fire Equipment for 40 complete SCBA units with a spare bottle for each unit, and 65 masks for the sum of \$151,995.00 and to declare our entire current SCBA surplus, upon new SCBA arrival.

MOTION:

I move that the City Commission award the bid to Heiman Fire Equipment for 40 complete (ISI brand) SCBA units with a spare bottle for each unit, and 65 masks for the sum of \$151,995.00 and to declare our entire current SCBA surplus.

SYNOPSIS:

After receiving the 2003 Fire Act Grant, Great Falls Fire Rescue contacted six dealers of SCBA, to present their product to our department. Four companies gave demonstrations and allowed our department to experiment with their products. Members of our department used a program to evaluate each of the products using many different aspects to determine which product best fit our department.

The specifications were advertised two times in the Great Falls Tribune and mailed to 4 prospective bidders. The bids were opened on June 1, 2004 and closed June 16, 2004 with four bidders responding with a total of five bids.

The bid from Heiman Fire Equipment meets all specifications. They were also second lowest bid that we received. One major issue that was noted on their bid was the reoccurring costs. A committee was formed to evaluate the SCBA and the evaluation process was unanimous from 15 personnel that ISI was the best product for our department.

A lower bid was received from L.N. Curtis & Sons, but they did not meet the specifications of supplying voice amplifiers with all 65 face pieces. They only bid five face pieces to have voice amplification. They also have a reoccurring cost of \$65 per unit every year for a total of \$2600 per year.

BACKGROUND:

Our current SCBA is reaching its life expectancy and will need to be replaced in the near future. Our present SCBA does not meet the current NFPA standards. Our department has ISI breathing apparatus currently and has trained personnel who can

service this equipment. This will reduce the reoccurring costs. We also have some confined space equipment that is only compatible with ISI equipment.

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SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Project Number
 Bids Taken at Civic Center
 Date: June 16, 2004
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NAME & ADDRESS OF BIDDER	Bid Security	Affidavit of Non-Collusion	40 SCBA Unit Price and Total	25 Addt'l. Face Pieces Unit/Total	Voice Amp. For all Face Pieces Unit/Total	20 Radio Interface Comp. Unit/Total	Reoccurring Costs
L.N. Curtis & Sons	Ö CC \$14,885	Ö	\$129,200.00	\$4,200.00	(5) \$1,150.00	\$14,300.00	\$65 ea
			\$3230 ea	\$168 ea	\$230 ea	\$715 ea	
Wheatland Fire Equipment	Ö CC \$19,060.05	Ö	\$156,208.80	\$4,359.36	\$17,686.80	\$10,140.60	NA Flow Tests Every 2 yrs.
			\$3,905.22 ea	\$174.37 ea	\$272.10 ea	\$507.03 ea	
Wheatland Fire Equipment	Ö CC \$19,060.05	Ö	\$172,578.00	\$4,359.36	\$17,686.80	\$10,140.80	NA Flow Tests Every 2 yrs.
			\$4,314.45 ea	\$174.37 ea	\$272.10 ea	\$507.03 ea	
Heiman Fire Equip.	Ö BB 10%	Ö	\$135,520.00	\$8,775.00	Included in unit price	\$7,700.00	NA
			\$3,388 ea	\$351 ea		\$385 ea	
Big Sky Fire	Ö CC \$17,177.07	Ö	\$127,842.40	\$12,186.50	\$19,641.05	\$12,100.80	Battery Placement \$16.64/\$1331.20 Annual Service Testing \$50/\$3250
			\$3,196.06 ea	\$487.46 ea	\$302.17 ea	\$605.04 ea	