

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

Approval of purchase exceeding \$50,000 for Fire Department uniforms

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Fire Department

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since 2009, the Fire Department has purchased its uniforms from Miller Uniforms and Emblems, Inc., the awarded supplier through a public safety uniform bid. The uniforms purchased are necessary to ensure all emergency service personnel are readily identifiable to the public as well as to maintain the professional appearance of KFD personnel. This fiscal year Miller Uniforms and Emblems, Inc. became a member of the Texas BuyBoard, a purchasing cooperative.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

The Fire Department is requesting authority to purchase uniforms from Miller Uniforms and Emblems, Inc. in an amount exceeding the \$50,000 threshold for which Council approval is required. Miller Uniforms and Emblems, Inc. is a member of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) BuyBoard, therefore making this purchase exempt from state and local bidding requirements as found in The Texas Local Government Code 252.022. Miller Uniforms and Emblems' Buyboard contract, # 432-13, is effective through March 31, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for Fire Department uniforms is included in the 2016-2017 Uniform and Clothing budget (010-7070-442.41-20) in the amount of \$164,058 for fiscal year 2016-2017. The anticipated purchase amount for uniforms is \$100,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The city staff recommends that the city manager be authorized to execute the purchase of uniforms from Miller Uniforms and Emblems, Inc. through the remainder of its BuyBoard Cooperative Contract expiring March 31, 2017.