



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Scott P. Johnson

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** August 2, 2006

Approved

*Deanna Parkina*

Date

*8/6/06*

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON BIDS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENTRY SUITS  
FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH URBAN AREA SECURITY  
INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT FUNDS**

## RECOMMENDATION

Report on bids and award the purchase of hazardous material entry suits on behalf of various local agencies within Santa Clara County to the low responsive bidder, Bauer Compressor, Inc. (Hayward, CA), for a total amount not to exceed \$116,002.87 using Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds.

## OUTCOME

To provide equipment to ensure safety in fire fighting operations.

## BACKGROUND

The City of San José in conjunction with the County of Santa Clara received Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds for fiscal year 2005-2006. These grant funds are administered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to purchase safety equipment for various Fire Departments within the County. Trelleborg Level 'A' Hazardous Materials Entry suits and related components were designated as a required item for use by the various fire departments, so that personnel can safely manage hazardous materials incidents.

The Trelleborg Level 'A' Hazardous Materials Entry suits provide the highest level of protection for entry team personnel tasked with hazardous material incident mitigation. The various County fire departments have standardized on this suit to ensure interoperability across jurisdictional limit lines and to provide a common platform for training of personnel.

The table below depicts the jurisdictions receiving Trelleborg suits, the percentage allocation, and the number suits:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Percentage Allocation</b>	<b>Number of Suits</b>
City of Santa Clara	36%	9
County of Santa Clara	28%	7
City of San Jose	36%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25</b>

On June 28, 2005, Item 2.17, Council adopted the 2005-2006 annual Appropriation Ordinance and Funding Sources Resolution in the General Fund to increase the UASI appropriation to include the purchase of standardized minimum level of interoperable radio equipment and personal protective equipment for all eligible police and fire agencies within the Santa Clara County. Per the grant requirement, the State of California Office of Homeland Security approved these purchases using UASI funds.

### **ANALYSIS**

A notice inviting bids for Trelleborg Level A Hazardous Materials Entry Suits or an equivalent was issued on June 6, 2006. The City's "Request for Bids" package was published on the City's bidline web site and on the DemandStar notification system. In addition, a bid package was sent directly to Bauer Compressors the West Coast distributor for Trelleborg. Although regional Fire departments standardized on Trelleborg products, products from competing manufacturers may meet the City's and regional agencies' specifications. Therefore, Finance did not issue a brand-name procurement.

Two responses to the RFB were received by the specified due date and time. The Mallory Company responded with an alternative manufacturer's product that is not equivalent to the protective qualities of the Trelleborg Level A Hazardous Material Entry Suit. The product that Mallory bid as an alternative suit (Saint-Gobain's Level A "One Suit") which was reviewed by the Fire Department. The Fire Department determined that the suite is a limited duty suit and is not interoperable with the Trelleborg.

Therefore, staff recommends the award to Bauer Compressors, the low responsive bidder meeting specification, in accordance with the formal bidding procedures of the San Jose Municipal Code, Section 4.12.030.

### **POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

Not Applicable

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

This RFQ was placed on the City of San Jose Bidline website and on the DemandStar notification system.

This item does not meet any of the criteria listed below.

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Office of Emergency Services, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the City Attorney's Office.

### **FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

This action is consistent with the General Budget Principle that "We must focus on protecting our vital core city services for both the short- and long-term."

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

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**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	RC #	Total Appn	Amt. for Contract	2005-2006 Operating Budget	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
001	3306	Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)	150700	\$9,512,075	\$116,002.87	Page IX-12	

**CEQA**

Not a project.

  
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