

COUNTY OF TEHAMA
WAIVER OF FORMAL BIDS OVER \$10,000 - FINDINGS FORM

This form must be attached to an Agenda Request Form

Pursuant to Tehama County Code Sections 4.24.080 and 4.24.110, competitive procurement must be used unless there is substantial justification for waiving the formal bid process

DATE: 4/30/2024 DEPARTMENT: Fire Department
REQUESTED BY: Laurianne Griffin TITLE: AGPA
PROPOSED ACQUISITION: 10 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Systems w/spare bottles, fixed rescue belts, PASS w/Pak-tracker

REQUESTED ACTIONS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- a) Request to adopt the finding(s) as indicated below
- b) Request to find it in the best interest of the County to waive the formal bid process for the acquisition based on the finding(s)

When requesting waiver of the bidding process, the written request shall include finding(s) which indicate that bidding procedures would not be in the best interest of the people -- Tehama County Code Section 4.24.080

Check applicable finding(s):

☐ **Sole Source Acquisition:** Based on a finding declaring the vendor as the sole supplier who could feasibly supply the equipment or products needed by the Department.

☒ **Participation In Existing Bid:** Indicate entity or bid 1-22-42-04 State Department of General Services with Allstar Fire
Based on the finding that the existing bid meets all Tehama County Bidding Criteria and allows the County to take advantage of special low pricing without the time and expense involved with conducting a formal bid process.

☒ **Compatibility:** Based on the finding that the acquisition of a specific type or brand of product is required by the County in order to allow for full integration with existing equipment or facilities.

Explain:

The Scott brand Self Contained Breathing Apparatus is now the fire department's standard equipment. It is critical to have identical SCBA equipment, that is compatible for use on each fire apparatus. Identical SCBA equipment can be used to save downed firefighters at scene of a fire by having common connection points allowing for quick rescue operations. Matching SCBA equipment also allows for a standard training curriculum and maintenance of the SCBA air pack. Common parts and like style batteries on identical SCBA's also allows for bulk purchases saving money and always having parts on hand. Required annual fit testing and flow testing of the employees and Air packs can be completed with no additional equipment required utilizing identical SCBA equipment.

☐ **Other, List Finding(s):**

Additional Justification:

Recommended: Dave Kohlman

Date: 4/22/24

****Submittal to Purchasing must occur at least 7 working days prior to agenda deadline****