

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2019-11-14

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services

File No: 7200-01

**Subject: Electoral Area Emergency Services Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment Proposal**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board award RFP-19011 for the purchase of sixty sets of turn out gear (coats and pants) to Associated Fire Safety Group Inc. at a cost of \$138,492.00 plus applicable taxes over a three year period for Electoral Area Fire Department members.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

### BACKGROUND

To maintain the safety standards of Firefighter Personal Protective equipment, this equipment must be replaced on a consistent cycle as per NFPA 1851, Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting and WorkSafeBC standards.

### DISCUSSION

As each Electoral Area Fire Department replaces damaged and outdated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) each year and has been doing this on a piece by piece basis, there has not been any opportunities for a discount on bulk purchases and service. Each of the seven EA departments has submitted an estimated gear replacement schedule for the next three years and it has been determined that a total of twenty sets of PPE (coats and pants) will be required per year for the next three years for a total of sixty. By purchasing this PPE as a group there will be an estimated cost savings of approximately \$200 per set and a fixed cost over the next three years.

Request for Proposals number RFP -19011 was issued and advertised on September 20, 2019. The closing date for RFP-19011 was October 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 3:00 PM. Five proposals were submitted for

Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment (coats and pants). All EA Fire departments were given the opportunity to view and compare all proposals and the overall recommendation, along with staff recommendation, is the Board award the purchase to Associated Fire and Safety Group Inc. for \$138,492.00.

## **COST**

The purchase price of \$138,492.00 plus applicable taxes will be funded from each Electoral Area Fire Departments operating budgets as planned PPE purchases divided over the next three years.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

**Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services**

Reviewed and supported.

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported.

**Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer**

Reviewed and supported.