



Central Emergency Services

Central Kenai Peninsula Fire & EMS Providers

Chris Mokracek
Fire Chief

TO: Mike Navarre, Mayor

THRU: Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
Mark Fowler, Purchasing & Contracting Director *MF*

FROM: Chris Mokracek, Fire Chief *CM*
Roy Browning, Deputy Chief *REB*

DATE: January 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Request for Standardization and Sole Source Vendor Request for Firefighter Turnout Gear

CES is requesting the purchase of firefighter turnout gear (coat and pant) made by Janesville/LION Apparel.

CES spent over a year field testing three brands of gear:

- LION (ALLSTAR Fire Equipment)
 - \$2,263.00 per set
- Morning Pride (MES)
 - \$2,245.00 per set
- Globe (LN Curtis & Sons)
 - \$1,946.00 per set

These three manufacturers produce the majority of firefighter bunker gear in the United States.

Detailed justification and evaluation reports are attached. This is an “apples-to-apples” comparison. We believe that the brand and style selected, LION, will last longer and perform better than its competitors. Replacement will occur less often and result in savings over time.

CES budgets \$32,000 annually for bunker gear. This allows for the annual replacement of 13 sets of gear on a 5-7 year replacement schedule for 65 career and volunteer responders.

The Funds Verified amount represents the amount budgeted, not the amount anticipated for the balance of the fiscal year. We will be purchasing gear, as needed, to replace worn gear currently in use and outfitting new members.

Thank you for your consideration to our request.

Mike Navarre
Mike Navarre, Mayor

2/4/15
Date

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No. <u>211.51610.48760</u>	
Amount <u>\$32,000.00</u>	
By: <u>pp</u>	Date: <u>2/4/15</u>