

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 11/13/02
Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 10
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John M. Scherrei
Fire Chief

STAFF CONTACT: James Harrison, Operations Division Chief x4202
Mark Schmitt, Administrative Division Chief x5533

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Protective Clothing

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure approximately \$275,000 worth of firefighter protective clothing and equipment from Allstar Fire Equipment (not a local vendor) without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2-- A Safe and Healthy community in Which to Live, Work and Visit

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Pursuant to County Code 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of safety clothing used by firefighters when combatting both structural and wildland fires from Allstar Fire Equipment.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department has done an extensive analysis of current structural and wildland protective clothing and has recommended the purchase of Lion/Bodyguard Isodri Turnouts and Barrier Wear wildland clothing. Several vendors were contacted and only Allstar was able to provide the clothing to the specifications required.

Mandates and Service Levels:

By replacing outdated personal protective clothing with clothing that utilizes current technology, the Fire Department is able to maintain current service levels and maximize the safety of firefighters and those they are protecting when responding to structural and wildland incidents.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fire District Funds (30%) and Fire Act Grant Funds (70%) will cover this purchase. The Fire District portion has been included in the FY 02/03 adopted budget. A budget revision request will be processed for the Fire Act Grant portion of this purchase.

Special Instructions:

Please route certified copies of the Minute Order to:
Purchasing Agent, John McMillin
Rose Pueschel, County Fire
Curt Warner, County Fire

Concurrence:

County Administrator, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Purchasing Agent