

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Air Cascade System

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend acceptance of the bid and issuance of a purchase order to Douglass Safety Systems in the amount of \$28,795.33 for the purchase of an Air Cascade System for the Saginaw Fire Department.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35-14.44 of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this purchase are budgeted and available in the Saginaw Fire Department Capital Outlay/Repairs and Replacements Account No. 101-3751-751-9720.

Justification:

The Saginaw Fire Department utilizes the Air Cascade system to fill self-contained breathing equipment that firefighters use in contaminated atmospheres while fighting fires. The current Air Cascade System is 16 years old, repairs are costly, and parts are not readily available. The Department and Purchasing Committee have reviewed the bids and approved the second lowest bidder because of warranty coverage and the substantial savings in the area of service/repair costs, after warranty, due to the travel distance, mileage and hourly service rate through Douglass Safety Systems. Following is a tabulation of the bids received:

Mako Compressors Ocala, FL	\$28,766.65
Douglass Safety Systems Sanford, MI	\$28,795.33

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West Shore Fire, Inc. Allendale, MI	\$29,130.00
Breathing Air Systems Michigan Center, MI	\$29,998.48
Douglass Safety Systems Sanford, MI	\$36,253.76

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City
Manager be approved.