

**Council Meeting: August 13, 2013****SUBJECT: Reject Bids for Tactical Vests (F13-64)****BACKGROUND**

Approval is requested to reject six bids received in response to Invitation for Bids F13-64 for tactical vests.

**CEQA REVIEW**

N/A

**DISCUSSION**

Each member of the Sunnyvale Public Safety SWAT team is outfitted with a tactical vest. The vests currently in use are seven years old, two years outside of the manufacturer's warranty period, and are scheduled for replacement in FY 2013/2014. An Invitation for Bids (IFB) to replace the vests was issued in mid-June 2013, with a due date of July 10.

Six bids were received, ranging in price from \$40,194 to \$87,144. An initial determination was made by Public Safety staff that the apparent low, second low and third low bidders did not meet the intended specifications, and in some cases did not bid on all of the required components, such as side protective plates. Upon evaluating the bids received and the bid specifications (which referenced a ProTech brand vest or approved equal), it was discovered that the specs contained ambiguities which led to the submittal of vest models that had not been previously tested by Public Safety for the required level of ballistic protection.

City Council approval is required to reject bids received in response to formal competitive bid or proposal solicitations, per Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 2.08.140(b). Rejecting the bids will provide staff the opportunity to re-evaluate the specifications and make the clarifications necessary to obtain bids based on tactical vest models that meet the City's safety requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact results from the recommended bid rejection.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council reject the six bids received in response to Invitation for Bids F13-64 for tactical vests.

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