

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Tad Stone, Director
Department of Emergency Services

FROM: David Rattray, Assistant Chief
Fire Rescue Division

DATE: January 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval to use Breathing Air Systems as a Sole Source for Cascade Systems

It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the Honorable District Board of Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Staff is seeking the sole source purchase of Station 3 Cascade System from Breathing Air Systems; this cascade system supplies the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), a device worn to provide breathable air in immediately dangerous to life and safety atmospheres. The cascade allows for the proper filling and recycling of air bottles when used for Structural Firefighting. These SCBA's are used for health and safety of our firefighters and in serving the public at large. Indian River County Fire Rescue cascade systems utilize Bauer Compressors, the sole source letters from Bauer confirms Breathing Air Systems as having responsibility for an Area of Primary Responsibility in the State of Florida.

FUNDING:

Funding is budgeted and available in the Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue/Other Machinery & Equipment account, number 11412022-066490, in the amount of \$49,977.48.

| ACCOUNT NAME | AMOUNT | ACCOUNT NUMBER |
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| Emergency Services / Fire Rescue / Other Machinery & Equipment | \$49,977.48 | 11412022-066490 |

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board waive the requirements for bids, authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a purchase order to Breathing Air Systems, and declare the vendor as Sole Source. Staff also recommends the Board authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign any necessary quotes, statements of work or agreements, after review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Breathing Air Systems Quote #QUO-FL350
2. Sole Source Letter