



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.8

DATE: May 12, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Joe Testa, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the execution of a blanket purchase order for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Joint Powers Authority with L.N. Curtis & Sons for the purchase of materials and supplies in support of daily operations and fire academy operations in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department JPA (LPFD) in her capacity as a Joint Executive Director for LPFD to execute a blanket purchase order with L.N. Curtis & Sons for the purchase of materials and supplies in support of daily operations and fire academy operations in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.

SUMMARY

Purchasing various tools, equipment, and personal protective equipment (PPE) is necessary for firefighters to serve the community safely and effectively. Firefighters require specialized equipment and PPE to perform daily response functions. The same equipment and PPE are required for fire academy participants. L.N. Curtis is a vendor that provides tools, equipment, and PPE. PPE is tested for safety and integrity of materials and must be replaced when found to be unsafe.

DISCUSSION

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) purchases various goods and materials to support its daily operations, such as personal protective equipment, fire hose, gas monitors, thermal imaging cameras, fire ground equipment, and hand tools.

L.N. Curtis & Sons, headquartered in Dublin, CA, is one of the vendors LPFD routinely places orders with. L.N. Curtis & Sons is the exclusive West Coast distributor for many fire industry manufacturers; therefore, some purchases must be made solely through them. Other factors are pricing, cost savings, and timeliness of delivery.

Municipal Emergency Services Inc. (MES), headquartered in Sandy Hook, CT, is a nationwide supplier of fire service personal protective gear and other equipment, similar to L.N. Curtis. However, MES has exclusive distribution rights for different fire industry manufacturers that are not offered at L.N. Curtis.

LPFD purchases from both L.N. Curtis & Sons and MES. For Fiscal Year 2024-25, Purchase Orders issued were in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 each for L.N. Curtis and MES. As most purchases this year have been through L.N. Curtis, an increase to this Purchase Order is necessary. This will not result in an increase to the budget, as there have been minimal purchases through MES.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

Purchases made under this blanket purchase order are based on cooperative purchasing agreements negotiated by Alameda County and National Purchasing Partners. Livermore Municipal Code sections 2.68.370(B)(2) permit use of cooperative purchase agreements as an exception to the City's bidding requirements.

Funds for the purchase of goods and materials are included in the LPFD Adopted Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 therefore no additional appropriation is necessary.

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1: A Safe Community that Thrives

5: A City that Works

GOAL

5: Ensure effective fire suppression, prevention, emergency medical and disaster services to meet the evolving needs of our communities and other changing conditions

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

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