

RESOLUTION NO. 96-R-602

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING THE PURCHASE OF "JAWS OF LIFE" RESCUE TOOLS FOR THE BROOKINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Common Council of the City of Brookings finds as follows:

- 1. The Brookings Fire Department is in need of a new set of "Jaws of Life" rescue tools. The existing tools were purchased in 1985 as used equipment.**
- 2. The rescue tools currently used are extremely heavy and awkward to use. The use of this equipment requires that operators be able to do the rescue quickly and efficiently in order to save lives.**
- 3. The technology of today provides better rescue tools that are easier to use and weigh half as much as the currently used rescue tools. The Brookings Fire Department's "Jaws of Life" rescue tools weigh 80 pounds. Holmatro rescue tools available for the City to purchase weigh 45 pounds.**
- 4. There are only two suppliers of "Jaws of Life" rescue tools in the State of Oregon. The City has contacted the two suppliers and determined that the Holmatro rescue tools are the best equipment to meet the needs of the City. Holmatro rescue equipment is distributed by Santiam Emergency Equipment, Inc., of Mehama, Oregon. The other supplier, L.N. Curtis and Sons, distributes Hearst "Jaws of Life" equipment, but that equipment weighs approximately 70 pounds.**
- 5. Santiam Emergency Equipment, Inc. is the only rescue tool company that has received the Underwriters Laboratories testing and approval for the Holmatro rescue tools. The rescue tools are tested for endurance, hydrostatic strength, cutting ability, sever angular load test, sudden pressure loss and creep test, accelerated corrosion, underwater operation, and force test. This separates Santiam Emergency Equipment, Inc. from any other available supplier in the region in that this supplier will ensure that the product will operate safely, reliably and with performance.**

6. The City has worked with Santiam Emergency Equipment, Inc. in the past. That vendor has always provided the City with the best equipment at competitive prices. Santiam has given the City a proposal that is approximately 20% lower than the price proposed by the other Oregon distributor, and Santiam has shown a willingness to work with the City to provide service and training for Brookings Fire Department personnel.

5. For the reasons identified above, exempting purchase of the Holmatro rescue equipment from the competitive bidding process will not encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts.

6. The awarding of a public contract to Santiam Emergency Equipment, Inc., pursuant to this exemption, will result in cost savings to the City, as described above.

7. This equipment purchase is budgeted in the serial levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS THAT:

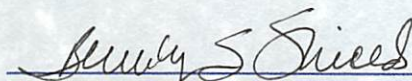
The purchase of "Jaws of Life" rescue tools for the Brookings Fire Department as identified herein is exempted from competitive bidding set out in ORS chapter 279 and the City of Brookings Resolution No. 92-R-539.

Passed by the Council and signed by the Mayor this 26th day of February, 1996.



Tom Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Beverly S. Shields
City Finance Director/Recorder