



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: August 14, 2014

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: MaryBeth Murz , Purchasing Manager
William S. Nelson, Fire Chief

Subject: Bid Waiver - Extrication Tools

History

There have been major changes in the construction of automobiles in the last 10 years. Manufacturers are now making cars lighter and safer by using materials such as carbon and boron steel. These materials have a much higher strength than materials previously used in automobiles. The increased strength of these materials has created operational issues for firefighters when extrication of occupants requires the cutting of these high strength materials. The hydraulic cutters currently in use by the City of Troy Fire Department, which are over 15 years old, are unable to cut these high strength materials.

Over the past year the Fire Department Safety Committee, which is comprised of two (2) firefighters from each station and two (2) staff personnel, has conducted extensive research and field testing of the currently available extrication cutters. Based on the Safety Committee evaluation it is recommended that the department replace existing cutters with six (6) sets of the Champion Beast Cutters. The Beast Cutters have double the cutting strength (294,000 lbs.) of our current Hurst cutters and utilize our current 5,000 psi hydraulic generators, reels, and hoses.

Purchasing

It is not possible to secure competitive bids and the bid process is waived because R & R Fire Truck Repair, Inc., of Northville, MI is the official authorized distributor for Champion Rescue Tools in the state of Michigan. A letter from R & R Fire Truck Repair, Inc. verifies that the company is the sole official authorized distributor for Champion Rescue Tools.

Financial

Funds are budgeted in the current budget to purchase these items.

Recommendation

City management recommends that the bid process be waived and a contract be awarded to R & R Fire Truck Repair, Inc. of Northville, MI, to purchase six (6) sets of Champion Beast Cutters for an estimated total of \$35,043.00.



Service and repairs on all makes and models

July 10, 2014

Hi Peter,

Thank you for your request for Champion Rescue Tools. Attached is the letter of proof for sales and service in Michigan. I had Champion update this letter. Below is the cost per tool with a cutting head.

One (1) Champion Super Beast w/ Cutter Head only and Hale coupler as required. Each \$5,794
Multiplied by 6 equals \$34,764

Shipping Estimated \$279 for all in one ship

Total delivered \$35,043 Shipping estimated

Delivery time is 3 weeks from time of order to plant.

Please call or email any questions or concerns.

Best Regards

Ricke Rosselle
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Vice President
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Champion Rescue Tools

a division of Patton Hydraulic, Inc.

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION OF REPRESENTATION

To whom it may concern,

We, Champion Rescue Tools, a manufacturer duly organized under the laws of the United States of America, and having its principal place of business located at:

4066 Mission Blvd Montclair, California 91763 hereby makes, constitutes and appoints:

R&R Fire Truck Repair
751 Doheny
Northville, MI 48167

As our official Distributor / Dealer, for the state of Michigan for the supply of:

Hydraulic Rescue Tools, Rescue Tool Pumps and Power Units, Hydraulic Rescue Tool Hoses, as well as all services and repairs related to said tools, pumps, power units and hydraulic hoses, which we assemble, manufacture, or produce, and extend to them our warranties as defined in our Standard Terms and Conditions.

This letter authorizes R & R Fire Truck Repair to operate as Champion Rescue Tools factory representative. This letter is drafted on July 9, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Haynes
President
Champion Rescue Tools