

Fire Fighter Bunker Gear

Scope: Fire Fighter bunker gear that meets or exceeds NFPA 1970. Firefighter bunker gear is an essential component of ensuring the life safety of MFES employees while they carry out their duties as first responders

MFES' current contract for the purchase of bunker gear is expiring Dec 31, 2023. To maintain the required bunker gear levels, MFES requires the ability to continue to purchase new and replacement bunker gear from the existing supplier until a new NFPA standard is established. It would not be prudent to go to market with a new NFPA standard imminent, as any product purchased now may be non-compliant to the new standard. Upon the release of the new NFPA standard, MFES will begin a competitive bid process to establish a 10-year contract with a supplier to supply and deliver bunker gear that meets or exceeds the new standard.

In 2024, MFES will have 125 sets of bunker gear that will need to be purchased. MFES is recommending that the gear be replaced with the current make and model currently in use by the division, Globe Flame Fighter provided by PPE Solutions.

Procurement By-Law Reference: This contract to PPE Solutions is considered a single source procurement as defined in the Procurement By-Law #0013-2022 which states under Schedule A (1) (h): for additional Goods and/or Services from the original Supplier that were not included in the original Procurement, if the change of Supplier for such additional Goods and/or Services cannot be made for (ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the City.