

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal
Dept: City Manager
Subject: AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDERS WITH
QUARtermaster, INC., CARMEN'S
UNIFORMS, AND GALLS FOR POLICE
UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

From: Joseph M. Polisar
Dept: Police
Date: May 26, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To secure City Council approval to obtain multi-year purchase orders with Quartermaster Inc., Carmen's Uniform, and Galls to provide uniforms and safety equipment to Police Department employees.

BACKGROUND

Currently, there are three suppliers of uniforms and public safety equipment in Orange County: Carmen's Uniforms Inc., located at 1725 N. Main Street in Santa Ana; Galls (The Uniform Center), located at 1249 W. Katella Avenue, in Orange; and Quartermaster, located at 619 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana.

On January 9, 2007 an agreement between the City of Garden Grove and Carmen's Uniforms Inc., was approved; however, the performance has been unsatisfactory due to poor quality, timeliness, and overall poor customer service. While Carmen's has not met our standards in many areas, they do provide service and equipment the department needs.

ANALYSIS

The bid results below are a sampling of the uniforms normally purchased by the department. Both Staff and Property Clerks have met with Quartermaster, a nationwide distributor, and have been impressed with their new operation on 17th Street, as well as their 200,000 sq.ft. facility in Cerritos. Other departments using Quartermaster for equipment have been impressed with the quality and service.

It is important to maintain the option of calling upon Carmen's to ensure that we are able to supply the needed uniforms, equipment, and materials in the future. It is for this reason that we prefer to continue to use Carmen's service so we have the option of purchasing equipment from any of the three vendors. Currently \$150,000.00 is allocated for Carmen's Uniform.

Three (3) bids were received and the bid results are as follows:

<u>Color/Style</u>	<u>Product Description</u>	<u>Carmen's Price</u>	<u>Gall's Price</u>	<u>Quartermaster Price</u>
Navy	S/S Flying Cross Wool Shirt with zippers install	\$64.95	\$53.99	\$54.00
Navy	L/S Flying Cross Wool Shirt with zippers install	\$74.95	\$59.99	\$64.00
BLACK	Aker Sam Brown Belt	\$47.95	\$36.99	\$48.99
Navy	Flying Cross Wool Trousers	\$74.95	\$51.99	\$61.00
MED Blue	S/S Jaguar Light Blue Shirt	\$39.95	\$29.99	\$39.00
MED Blue	LS Jaguar Light Blue Shirt	\$41.95	\$36.99	\$41.50
Navy	Poly Trouser	\$44.95	\$31.99	\$31.99

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds for uniform and safety equipment are included in this year's budget and no additional funds are being requested.

COMMUNITY VISION

Appropriate and well maintained uniforming ensures public confidence and is consistent with the goal for providing high-quality public safety service providers.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Authorize the Finance Director to approve and award (3) purchase orders for uniforms and equipment not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year for five years to allow the department to use Quartermaster Inc., Carmen's Uniform, or Galls to better ensure quality of equipment and uniforms with a renewal to be reviewed annually by the City Manager.



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Recommended for Approval



Matthew Fertal
City Manager