

Legislation Text

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Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Protective Gear

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of protective gear from a cooperative contract,**
- B. Approve a unit price contract with Lawmens Distribution LLC for the purchase of protective gear for a term of six months under the North Carolina Department of Administration STC 680C, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for additional terms as long as the cooperative contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contact.**

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Explanation

- The Charlotte Fire and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Departments annually purchase ballistic equipment for new recruits and to replace expired vests. Vests require replacement every five years for optimal safety.
- NC General Statute Section 143-129(e)(3) allows local governments to purchase from formally organized cooperative purchasing contracts.
- A cooperative purchasing agreement results from the consolidation and competitive solicitation of multiple public agency requirements. By aggregating common needs all agencies are able to leverage economies of scale, such as volume discounts, improved terms and conditions, reduced administrative costs, and access to professional and technical expertise.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$1,850,000.

Charlotte Business INclusion

This is a cooperative purchasing contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: Fire and Police Operating Budgets