



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 15, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: David Sprague, Fire Chief

Subject: Purchase Orders for Bauer Compressors Inc. for Firefighting Supplies, Equipment, Service and Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or their designee to execute annual purchase orders using a piggyback contract and any amendments with Bauer Compressors Inc. using the National Purchasing Partners (NPP) contract No. PS26090 in an amount not to exceed \$1,579,472 for Firefighting supplies, equipment and related service and maintenance from October 1, 2026 through March 4, 2030, with an option to extend one (1) year to March 4, 2031.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding up to \$1,579,472 through March 4, 2031 which includes the one extension year for turnouts, PPE, firefighting tools, equipment and related service and maintenance. Funding comes from but it not restricted to the Fire Department's baseline General Fund, Measure GG, Measure FF (Fire and Emergency Services, 2020) or UC Funds.

The number of turnouts and PPE purchased each fiscal year depends on the number of recruits hired and the number of turnouts and PPE that must be replaced per the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This is why the figures in the "Amount" column of the table below vary significantly by Fiscal Year.

Firefighting tools and equipment are replaced due to normal wear and tear during fire suppression operations. Firefighting turnouts expire every 10 years per NFPA requirements. Service and maintenance occur as needed or when required by the NFPA.

Year	Amount	15% Contingency	Total Not to Exceed
FY2027	\$242,540	\$36,381	\$278,921
FY2028	\$259,417	\$38,913	\$298,330
FY2029	\$316,251	\$47,438	\$363,689
FY2030	\$297,375	\$44,606	\$341,981

FY2031	\$257,871	\$38,681	\$296,552
Total	\$1,373,454	\$206,018	\$1,579,472

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Turnouts and PPE are necessary protective safety gear for firefighting personnel and are required to fully comply with updated CAL-OSHA and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1971, Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting. Firefighting equipment is also needed for fire suppression and responding to emergency calls.

These purchases piggyback off a publicly solicited cooperative contract awarded to Bauer Compressors, Inc. This contract is established through a formal competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted by NPP.gov.

- Fire Fighting Equipment, SCBA, and Protective Gear, Contract No. #PS26090, RFP Notice September 15, 2025, Awarded January 29, 2026.

Piggybacking off a cooperative contract is an effort to streamline the procurement process, reducing administrative costs and delays associated with an RFP.

BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2020 National Purchasing Partners (NPP) issued RFP No. 2555 for the procurement of "Fire Fighting Equipment, SCBA, and Protective Gear". The RFP was published in the Daily Journal of Commerce and USA Today on September 15, 2025. The RFP closed November 14, 2025 and contracts were awarded on January 29, 2026. NPP Contract No. PS26090 with Bauer Compressors, Inc. which started on March 4, 2026 and ends on March 4, 2030 with a one-year extension to March 4, 2031. This is a publicly solicited contract established through an RFP process conducted by a Lead Public Agency and satisfies Berkeley's formal competitive bid requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

PPE and equipment are required for firefighters to maintain a state of readiness and be compliant with national and state laws. Relying on NPP.gov's procurement process will minimize staff hours spent on this project.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: BAUER COMPRESSORS INC. FOR FIREFIGHTING SUPPLIES,
EQUIPMENT, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Fire Department purchases firefighting supplies and equipment including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for firefighters, and

WHEREAS, reliable mission critical tools and equipment are needed for firefighters to perform their duties, and

WHEREAS, the products offered by Bauer Compressors, Inc. meet national, state and local safety standards that provide safe protective clothing and equipment for firefighters engaging in fire suppression and rescue operations, and

WHEREAS, this purchase piggybacks off a publicly solicited cooperative contract awarded to Bauer Compressors, Inc., and

WHEREAS, this contract was established through a formal competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted by NPP.gov, and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2020 National Purchasing Partners (NPP) issued RFP No. 2555 for the procurement of "Fire Fighting Equipment, SCBA, and Protective Gear". The RFP was published in the Daily Journal of Commerce and USA Today on September 15, 2025. The RFP closed November 14, 2025 and contracts were awarded on January 29, 2026. NPP Contract No. PS26090 with Bauer Compressors, Inc. which started on March 4, 2026 and ends on March 4, 2030 with a one-year extension to March 4, 2031.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager, or their designee is authorized to execute annual purchase orders using a piggyback contract and any amendments with Bauer Compressors Inc. using the National Purchasing Partners (NPP) contract No. PS26090 in an amount not to exceed \$1,579,472 for Firefighting supplies, equipment, and related service and maintenance from October 1, 2026 through March 4, 2030, with an option to extend one (1) year to Mar 4, 2031.