



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 11, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
 Submitted by: David Sprague, Fire Chief
 Subject: Annual Purchase Orders for L.N. Curtis and Sons: Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute annual purchase orders and any amendments with L.N. Curtis and Sons for the purchases of:

- Turnouts, and personal protective equipment (PPE) such as wildland coats and pants, gloves, helmets, hearing and eye protection, and fire boots
- Firefighting tools and equipment such as firehose, fire extinguishers, foam, ladders, pumps, and related tools and equipment

The purchase order for FY2026 shall not exceed \$330,000, with an annual increase no more than 5% each year through March 27, 2028. A 20% contingency is added to cover costs arising from unforeseen incidents or operations for a total amount not to exceed (NTE) \$1,040,324.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The funding for turnouts, PPE, firefighting tools and equipment is in the Fire Departments baseline General Fund, Measure GG, Measure FF or UC Funds budgets.

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 need to be replaced per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements.

Firefighting tools and equipment are replaced due to normal wear and tear during fire suppression operations.

Year	Amount (With 5% Annual Increase)	20% Contingency	Total Not to Exceed
FY2026	\$275,000	\$55,000	\$330,000
FY2027	\$288,750	\$57,750	\$346,500
FY2028	\$303,187	\$60,637	\$363,824
Total			\$1,040,324

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.

This purchase piggybacks off two publicly solicited cooperative contracts awarded to L.N. Curtis & Sons. These contracts are established through a formal competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted by Sourcewell.

- Firefighter protective gear-equipment, Contract No. #010424-LNC, RFP Notice 11/09/2023, Awarded 04/22/2024, Maturity Date 03/27/2028
- Firefighting equipment, rescue tools, and accessories, Contract No. #020124-LNC, RFP Notice 12/14/2023, Awarded 04/22/2024, Maturity Date 04/04/2028

Piggybacking off a cooperative contract is allowable and it streamlines the procurement process, reducing administrative costs and delays associated with a local RFP.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Fire Department purchases turnouts and PPE for firefighters performing in the line of duty. In addition, reliable mission critical tools and equipment are needed for them to perform their duties. The products offered by L.N. Curtis and Sons meet national, state and local safety standards and provide safe protective clothing and equipment for firefighters engaging in fire suppression and rescue operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative actions are considered.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

ANNUAL PURCHASE ORDERS FOR L.N. CURTIS AND SONS: FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Department purchases turnouts and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for firefighters, and

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

WHEREAS, the products offered by L.N. Curtis and Sons 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 two publicly solicited cooperative contracts awarded to L.N. Curtis & Sons, and

WHEREAS, these contracts are established through a formal competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process conducted by Sourcewell, and

WHERE AS, one is for firefighter protective gear-equipment, Contract No. #010424-LNC, RFP Notice 11/09/2023, Awarded 04/22/2024, Maturity Date 03/27/2028, and

WHEREAS, one is for firefighting equipment, rescue tools, and accessories, Contract No. #020124-LNC, RFP Notice 12/14/2023, Awarded 04/22/2024, Maturity Date 04/04/2028.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute annual purchase orders and any amendments with L.N. Curtis and Sons for the purchases of turnouts, and personal protective equipment (PPE) such as wildland coats and pants, gloves, helmets, hearing and eye protection, fire boots, firefighting tools and equipment such as firehose, fire extinguishers, foam, ladders, pumps, and related tools and equipment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase order for FY2026 shall not exceed \$330,000, with an annual increase no more than 5% each year through March 27, 2028. A 20% contingency is added to cover costs arising from unforeseen incidents or operations for a total amount not to exceed (NTE) \$1,040,324.