



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2024-0495

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Todd Gary, Fire Chief
DATE: November 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Fire Annual Ground and Aerial Ladder Testing

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize approval of a blanket purchase order for annual Fire Ground and Aerial Ladder Testing for a not to exceed amount of \$35,000.00 to National Hose Testing Specialties, Wyoming, Michigan.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The Purchasing Division solicited a request for quotations for fire ground and aerial ladder testing. Historically the costs for these services are below the threshold for a sealed bid; however due to economic inflation, the three-year total cost exceeds \$25,000 and requires City Council approval.

The City solicited on the MITN on October 2, 2024 for qualified firms to provide the required annual ground and aerial ladder testing in accordance with current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2027. The City received two quotes and awarded to the low, responsive, and responsible quote received from National Hose Testing Specialties of Wyoming, Michigan.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fire departments must test their ground and aerial ladders annually to ensure they remain safe, reliable, and effective for emergency operations. Specifically, NFPA 1932 outlines the requirements for the use, maintenance, inspection, and testing of fire department ground ladders, while NFPA 1914 addresses standards for aerial ladder testing. The main reasons for these annual tests include Safety Assurance, Structural Integrity, Compliance and Liability: and Operational Readiness:

These annual tests involve specific load, visual, and performance tests, as well as inspections for wear, corrosion, or damage, helping maintain the overall reliability and safety of ladder operations in the field.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

National Hose Testing Specialties, Inc.
3941 Eastern Avenue
Wyoming, MI 49508

Reason for Selection:

Lowest, responsive, responsible quote

Method of Purchase:
Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget and the FY 2026-2027 Projected Budgets

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	3-Year Budget Amount	3-Year Cost	Remaining Budget
Fire	339.807000	Contractual Services	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the blanket purchase order for annual ground and aerial ladder testing to National Hose Testing Specialists, Inc., Wyoming, Michigan, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.00 through December 31, 2027.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A