
MADISON HEIGHTS



FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Melissa Marsh, City Manager
From: Greg Lelito, Fire Chief
CC: Amy Mischak, Human Resource/Purchasing Director
Date: February 15, 2024
Re: Capital Purchase – SCBA Fill Station and Air Compressor

In the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year budget, funds are allocated to purchase a new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) fill station and air compressor. A new SCBA fill station will replace the department's only fill station at Fire Station 1. A SCBA fill station is necessary to fill SCBA air cylinders attached to the firefighter air packs required to wear in an immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) atmosphere. The current equipment is over 30 years old and has become increasingly challenging to keep in service.

On January 3, 2024, the bid package was placed on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN). Ninety-nine (99) vendors received the emailed notification. Thirty-six viewed the specifications, and twenty-two (22) vendors downloaded them. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on January 15, 2024, with six vendors attending. Bids were opened on February 22, 2024, with five vendors responding. Three vendors' submitted bids met all the requirements outlined in the bid specifications; one had one specification exception, and one was disqualified for not meeting the submission requirements.

After a thorough review, staff and I recommend that the City Council award the SCBA fill station and compressor bid to the lowest qualified vendor, MacQueen Emergency, in the amount of \$56,000. MacQueen Emergency is the vendor that listed one specification exception related to installing a new outside air intake. After consulting with MacQueen Emergency, we can satisfy the outside air intake specification by contracting Denny's Heating and Cooling to perform the work. Denny's has quoted us \$1,200 to complete the air intake work, and the excess budgeted funds for the project will cover the cost. With the addition of Denny's Heating and Cooling work, MacQueen Emergency remains the lowest qualified bid.

If you should have any questions or comments, I would be happy to address them at your convenience.