

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION # 2026-05**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLE-SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF  
SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) AIR TANKS AND FACE  
MASKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$301,327 FROM MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY  
SERVICES (MES), AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
ALL NECESSARY PURCHASE DOCUMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department relies on Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment to ensure firefighter safety during emergency and hazardous operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the quote from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) is \$301,327 for 30 SCBA packs 70 tanks, and 46 masks; and

WHEREAS, \$225,000 of the expense will be paid for by Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) grant funds and \$76,327 are currently unbudgeted for; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's existing SCBA tanks reach their end-of-service life and expire in February 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's existing SCBA system, including air packs, air cylinders, and compatible face masks is distributed exclusively through Municipal Emergency Services (MES), the authorized regional provider; and

**WHEREAS**, MES is an approved supplier under Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts, including Contract #011824 MES for SCBA systems, which allows Petersburg Borough to use these competitively bid agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, compatibility with the existing SCBA system is essential for firefighter safety, operational continuity, and compliance with NFPA standards governing respiratory protection; and

**WHEREAS**, procuring SCBA air tanks and masks from alternative vendors would lead to equipment incompatibility, require full system replacement, and significantly increase total costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.04.040 (Exceptions to Bidding), Section G of the Petersburg Borough Code states:

"When it is advantageous to the borough to enter into a contract with a bidder for the same supplies or services such bidder is providing another Alaskan local government,

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the state of Alaska, a cooperative purchasing association composed of government agencies, or the United States, where such supplies, equipment or services are being provided to the other governmental unit or association on the basis of competitive bids submitted; and where the borough contract is on substantially the same terms as those bid; or to contract with or through such other governmental unit or association so that the benefit of the responsible bid accrues to the borough;”

**WHEREAS**, MES’s competitively awarded Sourcewell contracts meet the requirements of Section 4.04.040(G), making it advantageous and compliant for the Borough to procure SCBA equipment through Sourcewell’s competitively bid purchasing program;

WHEREAS, if the Assembly so chooses, there are funds available in General Fund reserves to cover the remaining purchase of \$76,327; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Assembly hereby approves the sole-source procurement of SCBA air tanks and face masks from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) in the amount of \$301,327 being paid for by a CDS grant and general fund reserves.

**Section 2.** The Borough Manager is authorized to execute all contracts, purchase agreements, and associated documents required to complete this procurement.

**Section 3.** Funding for this purchase shall be drawn from the appropriate Fire/EMS equipment budget or grant source, subject to supplemental appropriation through the Borough’s budgeting process.

**PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on March 16, 2026.**

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**Robert Lynn, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**Rebecca Regula, Borough Clerk**