

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESCUE AIR BAGS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE ALBANY FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

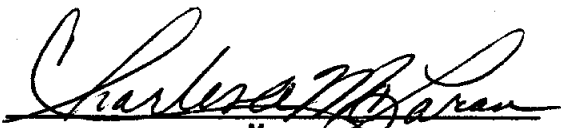
WHEREAS, the fiscal year 1994/95 City of Albany budget includes an appropriation of \$15,000 for the purchase of rescue air bags and associated accessories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council, acting as the Contract Review Board, hereby approves the following finding of fact relating to the purchase of rescue air bags and accessories:

1. The Fire Department has researched and identified equipment to best meet their need for operations and safety. After evaluation of other systems, the Fire Department has determined that Paratech Incorporated can provide their equipment needs.
  - a. Paratech offers high pressure rescue air bags and bags for use on hazardous material incidents.
  - b. Paratech offers rescue struts that work in conjunction with the air bags to provide additional safety, acting as cribbing to assist with stabilization. Unable to locate other suppliers for this item.
  - c. Paratech is the only manufacturer of an air-operated hammer for use in breaching wood, metal, and concrete during rescue operations.
  - d. Paratech is the only company that provides air bags and other equipment identified by the Fire Department.
  - e. Purchasing identified items from Paratech in available kits will result in a cost savings over purchasing items individually.
2. L.N. Curtis and Sons is the sole provider of Paratech equipment through a franchise agreement.
3. Equipment identified could be purchased individually, not requiring bids. However, a cost savings can be recognized through the purchase of the components identified in kits which are available through Paratech. Purchasing the items in kits raises the cost to the amount required for competitive bidding.
4. Purchase of Paratech equipment would maintain operating compatibility with local departments if the need arose in a major emergency. Departments currently using Paratech air bags include: Corvallis, Salem, Halsey, Sweet Home, Philomath, and Harrisburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council authorizes the purchase of rescue air bags and accessories without competitive bidding as provided for by the provisions of section 2.64.060(3) of the Albany Municipal Code.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1995.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy City Recorder

