

**THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

Subject: SPLOST 2020 Project 05, Fire Department Equipment Sub-Project #4, Proposed Project Concept and Purchase of Ballistics Gear

Date: May 10, 2023

Budget Information:

Revenues: \$ 1,023,900 SPLOST 2020 Project 05 – (Tiers 1-4)

Expenses:

CAPITAL:	\$ 745,004	Expensed or Encumbered
	<u>\$ 112,996</u>	<u>Designated for other Sub-Projects for Capital Equipment</u>
	\$ 165,900	Available for SPLOST 2020 Project 05, SP #4

Funding Source: SPLOST 2020 Project 05 – Fire Department Equipment

Commission Action Requested On: June 6, 2023

Purpose:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

- a. Approve the Project Concept and the purchase of Ballistics Gear using currently available SPLOST 2020 Project 05, Fire Department Equipment funds; and,
- b. Approve the procurement of ballistics gear utilizing nationwide contract pricing provided through OMNIA Contract #159498, offered by Mallory Safety and Supply, LLC
- c. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

History:

1. On November 5, 2019, the 2020 SPLOST Program was approved by referendum by the voters of Athens-Clarke County. The Program will collect \$314,303,300 over a twelve-year period. The Program included a budget amount of \$2,739,800 for Project 05-Fire Department Equipment.
2. On February 2, 2021, the Mayor and Commission approved the SPLOST 2020 project tier funding schedule.
3. On March 23, 2023, on the recommendation of the Athens-Clarke County Purchasing Department, Athens-Clarke County Fire & Emergency Services sought a quote utilizing nationwide cooperative purchasing contract pricing based on OMNIA Contract Number 159498) for ballistics gear for use by firefighters in the field This price quotation was offered by Mallory Safety and Supply, LLC.

Facts and Issues:

1. The Initial Project Statement for SPLOST 2020, Project 05 reads as follows:

Project 05: Fire Department Equipment Project: *This project will provide funding for replacement of fire safety equipment with safer, more effective models to sustain and improve the services provided to the community. Depending upon costs and funding availability, examples of eligible sub-projects may include, but not be limited to, new sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) that includes coat, pants, helmet, hood, gloves, boots and accessories; drying cabinets for PPE; automatic defibrillators; thermal imaging cameras; portable radios; breathing air refill compressors; PPE gear; ballistic rescue vests; hydraulic rescue tools; breathing apparatus; and other equipment as may be needed for Fire & Emergency Rescue. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.*

2. All Athens-Clarke County firefighters have some level of emergency medical care training, and our First Responders, EMTs, and Paramedics work closely with the police, and can and have been called to incidents involving shootings, stabbings and other violent crimes where suspects or patients may still be an active threat. The dangers are also capitalized when the threat of the “unknown” comes into play, First Responders may be the victims of deliberate acts of violence, targeting them while they are attempting to render aid at the scene of an emergency.
3. According to the International Public Safety Association (IPSA) 2017 Line of Duty Death (LODD) [Report](#), the number of non-law enforcement first responders who are assaulted with guns or by stabbing is increasing. To help reduce gun-related LODD, the IPSA recommended body armor be provided to non-law enforcement first responders. [FEMA](#) made the same recommendation in 2014.
4. Since the provision of body armor is not mandatory, fire and EMS departments (and sometimes responders) are often left providing the funding for this type equipment, and it is typically very expensive. Athens-Clarke County Fire & Emergency Services does not have the necessary funding in its operating budget to support a purchase of ballistics gear for all of the firefighting positions on every apparatus in our fleet. This specific need was outlined as a potential use of funds related to SPLOST 2020, Project 05: Fire Department Equipment Project, therefore it was not requested as an additional Operating Budget expense.
5. On March 23, 2023, Mallory Safety and Supply, LLC., offered a quote (see **Attachment #1**) with OMNIA # 159498 referenced for pricing of Safariland brand ballistics gear. All cooperative purchasing agreements offered through OMNIA Partners have been awarded via a thorough Request for Proposal (RFP) competitive solicitation by a public agency/governmental entity (e.g., state, city, county, public university or school district). Athens-Clarke County Fire & Emergency Services has utilized this source of competitive and cooperative pricing on a smaller scale in the past, consistent with Athens-Clarke County,

Georgia – Code of Ordinances / Title 1 – General Government / Chapter 1-7-20 and Chapter 1-7-22.

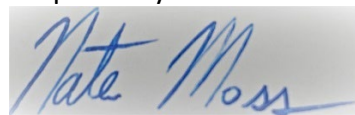
6. Fire Department staff recommends the allocation of available SPLOST 2020 Project 05 funds after July 1, 2023, for the purchase of ballistics gear. 59 sets of ballistics vests, helmets, and peripherals will be purchased to cover firefighter positions on all frontline fire apparatus. 14 sets of additional ballistics vests, helmets, and peripherals will be purchased and dedicated for use by our Tactical Emergency Medics, who assist law enforcement during special operations.
7. On May 15, 2023, the SPLOST 2020 Oversight Committee will meet to review the Proposed Project Concept for the Fire Department Equipment Sub-Project #4, Purchase of Ballistics Gear to determine if it is consistent with the Initial Project Statement for SPLOST 2020 Project 5 - Fire Department Equipment. The agenda report will be updated with those results prior to the June 6, 2023 voting session.
8. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
 - Good Neighbors Goal, Strategy C: Decrease crime and keep residents safe through “community-centric” services, Initiative 2: Continue to enhance ACCGov support of Emergency Medical Service delivery.

OPTIONS:

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2. Mayor and Commission deny the request to approve proposed Project Concept, the purchase of Ballistics Gear using SPLOST 2020 Project 05, Fire Department Equipment funds and the procurement of Ballistics Gear utilizing nationwide contract pricing provided through OMNIA Contract #159498, offered by Mallory Safety and Supply, LLC
3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option # 1 a & b

Prepared by: Nate Moss



Nate Moss, Battalion Chief,
Support Services

May 5, 2023

Date:

Robert Cheshire

Robert Cheshire P.E.
Capital Projects Director

May 5, 2023

Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option # 1 a & b

John M. Williford

Manager

May 10, 2023

Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment # 1 Project Quote



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SAFETY AND SUPPLY LLC

645 Wilson St ■ Eugene, OR 97402
Ph: 541-683-9333 ■ Fax: 541-683-8107

Attachment 1 QUOTATION

Purchase Order Address:
PO Box 2068
Longview, WA 98632

Order Number	
3256521	
Order Date	Page
3/23/2023 10:49:25	1 of 2
ESTIMATED DATE	
3/23/2023 00:00:00	

Quote Expires On 4/21/2023

Bill To:

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY FIRE & EMS
ATTN: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
700 COLLEGE AVE
ATHENS, GA 30601

706-613-3360

Ship To:

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY FIRE & EMS
700 COLLEGE AVE
ATHENS, GA 30601
US

Requested By: NATE MOSS

Customer ID: 164496

Freight Code:

Job Name:

PO Number	Carrier	Ship Route	Taker
SAFARILAND GEAR	BEST WAY		DGERBER

Line No	Quantities					Item ID Item Description	Pricing UOM Unit Size	Unit Price	Extended Price
	Ordered	Allocated	Remaining	UOM Unit Size	Disp.				

Delivery Instructions:

OMNIA #159498 THIS PRICING IS FOR
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY FIRE &
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND IS NOT
ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER PUBLIC OR
NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

1	59.0000	0.0000	59.0000	EA		SAFAR-1220976	EA	346.59	20,448.81
					1.0	Delta 4 Helmet FC		1.0	
						4- BOLT FULL CUT			
2	59.0000	0.0000	59.0000	EA		SAFAR-PTA-HS-R2SM	EA	107.95	6,369.05
					1.0	R2S Suspension w/mesh liner		1.0	
3	59.0000	0.0000	59.0000	EA		SAFAR-1314804	EA	419.54	24,752.86
					1.0	Tac AR (Navy)		1.0	
						Advanced Webless System, VELCRO® Brand Closure			
4	59.0000	0.0000	59.0000	EA		SAFAR-1314832	EA	404.07	23,840.13
					1.0	DT206C Type III 10X12		1.0	
						Multi Curve Shooters Cut			
5	59.0000	0.0000	59.0000	EA		SAFAR-1315008	EA	404.01	23,836.59
					1.0	DT206C Type III 10X12 MULTICURV		1.0	
						RECTANGL			
6	118.0000	0.0000	118.0000	EA		SAFAR-1315011	EA	223.84	26,413.12
					1.0	DT206C Type III 6X6 Single Curve Square		1.0	
13	14.0000	0.0000	14.0000	EA		SAFAR-1351151	EA	656.98	9,197.72



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Line No	Quantities					Item ID Item Description	Pricing UOM Unit Size	Unit Price	Extended Price
	Ordered	Allocated	Remaining	UOM Unit Size	Disp.				
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7	14.0000	0.0000	14.0000	EA	1.0	SAFAR-1354506	EA	1,333.00	18,662.00
					1.0	FAV™ G3 Ballistics, Hardwire® 68 Level I		1.0	
8	14.0000	0.0000	14.0000	EA	1.0	SAFAR-1347567	EA	610.47	8,546.58
					1.0	IMPAC P1 Special Threat ICW 10X12 Multi Curve Shooters Cut		1.0	
9	14.0000	0.0000	14.0000	EA	1.0	SAFAR-1349852	EA	610.47	8,546.58
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10	14.0000	0.0000	14.0000	EA	1.0	SAFAR-1220976	EA	346.59	4,852.26
					1.0	Delta 4 Helmet FC 4- BOLT FULL CUT		1.0	
11	14.0000	0.0000	14.0000	EA	1.0	SAFAR-PTA-HS-R2SM	EA	107.95	1,511.30
					1.0	R2S Suspension w/mesh liner		1.0	
12	14.0000	0.0000	14.0000	EA	1.0	SAFAR-1192444	EA	143.68	2,011.52
					1.0	Ops-Core ARC Rail Set Foliage Green		1.0	

Total Lines: 13

SUB-TOTAL: 178,988.52
TAX: 0.00
AMOUNT DUE: 178,988.52
U.S. Dollars