

RESOLUTION NO. 194-2018

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 189-2018 AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 9 MM HANDGUNS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

WHEREAS, the 9 mm ammunition round has been fully evaluated by local, state and federal police authorities and found to be of excellent quality and is less expensive than other caliber rounds and more commercially available; and

WHEREAS, the Abilene Police Department, Fire Marshals and the Marshals Division seek to transition to 9 mm handguns within 3-years through a buy-back program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene seeks to purchase a total of Two Hundred Forty-Eight (248) 9 mm handguns for its police department, fire marshals, and marshals division; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene will realize a net zero effect on its budgeted funds for this purchase, as the purchase of the handguns will be reflected as accounts receivable from the individual officers and marshals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene previously awarded the bid to Branded Global Partners, LLC, a California company, and Branded Global Partners, LLC provided written notice subsequent to the award that it could not fulfill the order due to distributor territorial restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene must now reject the bid of Branded Global Partners, LLC, as being an unqualified bid, and award the bid to another Vendor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene received two other competitive sealed bids in response to the bid requests, those bids being \$126,840.58 from GT Distributors, Inc., Austin, Texas, and \$129,006.94 from Caroline Colt Company, Abilene, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the bid from Caroline Colt Company is from a bidder whose principal place of business is in the City of Abilene and is within 5% of the bid of GT Distributors, Inc., and therefore qualifies for a local bidder preference; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the bid from Caroline Colt Company, the local business, offers the City of Abilene the best combination of price and additional economic development opportunities, including the employment of local residents and increased tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the 9 mm handguns for City of Abilene police officers and marshals is a purchase that is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the city's residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the City of Abilene hereby repeals Resolution No. 189-2018 which awarded the purchase of the 9 mm handguns with sights to Branded Global Partners, LLC, and rejects the bid of Branded Global Partners, LLC, as being an unqualified bid.

- PART 2: That the City of Abilene approves the purchase of Two Hundred Forty-Eight (248) 9 mm handguns with accompanying tritium night sights from Caroline Colt Company, of Abilene, Texas.
- PART 3: That the City Manager is authorized to execute the necessary transaction(s) enabling Abilene Police Officers, Fire Marshals and City Marshals to purchase handguns that will be processed through a Federal Firearms Licensed Dealer, for a cost of \$129,006.94.
- PART 4: That Caroline Colt Company is a bidder whose principal place of business is in the City of Abilene and is within 5% of the lowest qualifying bidder, and acceptance of the bid from Caroline Colt Company offers the City of Abilene the best combination of price and additional economic development opportunities, including the employment of local residents and increased tax revenues.
- PART 5: That the purchase of the 9 mm handguns for the City of Abilene police officers and marshals is a purchase necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the City's residents.
- PART 6: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after passage.

ADOPTED this 6th day of December, 2018.

ATTEST:



Rosa Rios, City Secretary



Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED:


Stanley Smith, City Attorney