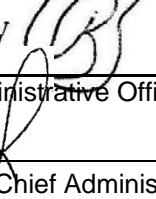


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**Item No. 11.1.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**October 27, 2015**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original signed by   
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Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer  
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Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** August 6, 2015

**SUBJECT:** **Award Purchase of Police Explosive Disposal Unit Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

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## **ORIGIN**

The Halifax Regional Police Explosive Disposal Unit requires the immediate replacement of its personal protective equipment (PPE) for explosive devices (bomb suit) as well as the PPE for explosive dispersal devices (chemical, biological, radiological substance bomb suit).

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Under the HRM Charter, Section 79, Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes. Administrative Order #35, The Procurement Policy, requires Council to approve the award of contracts for sole sources exceeding \$50,000 or \$500,000 for Tenders and RFP's.

The following report conforms to the above Policy and Charter.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council, in accordance with the Sole Source Policy (Administrative Order 35, Section 8(11)(A)), award the Sole Source Purchase of the *EOD 9 Bomb Suit*, the *MED-ENG SRS-5 suit*, *Helmet* and the *TAC 6 Protective ensemble*, in the amount of \$60,423.31.00 (Net HST included) to MED-ENG Holdings ULC for materials and services specified with funding from Operating Account P325-6701 as detailed in the financial implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Halifax Regional Police Explosive Disposal Unit is replacing their current bomb/chemical handling suits which include the MED-ENG EOD8 and the MED-ENG SRS-5 suits, as they have surpassed the suggested 7 year lifespan as per the manufacturer. The current suits were purchased in 2004.

MED-ENG Holdings ULC is the only manufacturer and seller of these suits in North America.

## **DISCUSSION**

Halifax Regional Police members are trained solely on the MED-ENG suits as part of the basic training and subsequent training at the Canadian Police College. This training includes render safe procedures regarding donning and doffing in emergency situations and the use of lighting and internal communication systems.

Due to the introductory training on the MED-ENG suits, the subsequent ongoing training and operational use of the same suits for this highly technical activity, it is recommended that the MED-ENG suits be purchased to maintain consistency with training and operational use.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The purchase of MED-ENG EOD 8 and MED-ENG SRS-5 suits, in the amount of \$57,940.00 plus net HST of \$2,483.31, for a total amount of \$60,423.31 from MED-ENG Holdings ULC, with funding available from Operating Account P325-6701. Budget availability has been confirmed by finance.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

None

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known environmental implications.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Council could elect not to proceed with this award. This is not recommended by staff as it would result in Halifax Regional Police members continuing to wear suits that are past the manufacturer's suggested lifespan.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Sole Source Purchases, Administrative Order 35, Section 8 (11)(A)

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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**Appendix A  
Administrative Order 35 (excerpt)**

8(11) A. Sole Source/Single Source Purchases. These occur:

- a) To ensure compatibility with existing products, to recognize exclusive rights, such as exclusive licences, copyright and patent rights, or to maintain specialized products that must be maintained by the manufacturer or its representative.
- b) Where there is an absence of competition for technical reasons and the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no alternative or substitute exists.
- c) For the procurement of goods or services the supply of which is controlled by a supplier that is a statutory monopoly.
- d) For the purchase of goods on a commodity market.
- e) For work to be performed on or about a leased building or portions thereof that may be performed only by the lessor.
- f) For work to be performed on property by a contractor according to provisions of a warranty or guarantee held in respect of the property or the original work.
- g) For the procurement of a prototype of a first good or service to be developed in the course of and for a particular contract for research, experiment, study or original development, but not for any subsequent purchases.
- h) For the purchase of goods under exceptionally advantageous circumstances such as bankruptcy or receivership.
- i) For the procurement of original works of art.
- j) For the procurement of goods intended for resale to the public.
- k) For the procurement from a public body or a not-for-profit corporation.
- l) For the procurement of goods or services for the purpose of evaluating or piloting new or innovative technology with demonstrated environmental, economic or social benefits when compared to conventional technology, but not for any subsequent purchases.