

Taryn Scott

From: Michael Dubreuil <dubreuil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:33 PM
To: Bernard Dennler; Rosemary Coyle; Denise Turner; Art Shilosky; Cliff O'Donal
Cc: Taryn Scott
Subject: Correspondence for April 18th Special Meeting
Attachments: Ambulance Contract.pdf; Invoices.pdf; Letters.pdf

To the Board of Selectmen,

I have reviewed many of the complaints and evidence against the Finance Director via Freedom of Information requests. I have also learned through news coverage that the Finance Director is going to the Labor Board regarding her removal from the union. I think it would be premature for the BOS to take any action, or even have the special meeting on April 18, 2024 regarding the Finance Director until the dispute with the Labor Board is resolved.

I did want to address the investigations into Chris Bellantone and Mary Williamson regarding the Fire Department purchases- and I believe both of them did nothing wrong. I believe this for two reasons:
A.) I think a new First Selectman and Board of Selectmen must show deference to purchases made during a previous First Selectman's term- and that's supported by the purchasing policy.
B.) Evidence suggests Lieutenant Bellantone made Chief Hoffmann aware of the purchases and Chief Hoffmann actually did authorize the purchases.

The purchases in question occurred during the time of First Selectman Bisbikos's term. To be blunt and slightly flippant, in my opinion Chief Hoffmann likely told Lieutenant Bellantone to research these purchases instead of idly hanging around the Fire House waiting for an emergency call. There are memos written by Lieutenant Bellantone to Chief Hoffmann informing him of the purchases.

In the Purchasing Policy it states, "*The First Selectman and/or Superintendent, as applicable, shall bear primary, non-delegable responsibility for ensuring compliance with this policy.*" Other than criminal activity, I don't understand how a First Selectman can hold any employees accountable for infractions of the purchasing policy for purchases that occurred under a different First Selectman. If First Selectman Bisbikos was satisfied with the purchases, and there's no contemporaneous evidence to suggest he wasn't, I don't believe a BOS now should charge Ms. Williamson or Lieutenant Bellantone with violations of the policy.

The Purchasing Policy states, "*The Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee will establish forms and processes to carry out the policies and procedures contained in this Policy, subject to the approval of the First Selectman and/or Superintendent, as applicable.*" We of course don't have a CFO; however, responsibility would likely be given to the Finance Director from the First Selectman and the Business Director from the Superintendent.

It should be noted that Maggie Cosgrove and Mary Williamson implemented processes regarding the purchasing policy differently. In my opinion, both implementations are actually consistent with the requirements of the Purchasing Policy.

Under Ms. Cosgrove's process, department heads or their assistants submit purchase orders including

invoices. This authorizes the town to pay for the purchase.

Under Ms. Williamson's process, anyone authorized can submit a purchase order. The finance department will create the purchase order and enter it as an encumbrance in Munis. A department head submits the invoice with the purchase order number. The signed document is attached to the purchase order. This authorized the town to pay for the purchase. At this point, the encumbrance should be cleared in Munis with the actual cost on the invoice.

The Purchasing Policy states, "*All employees, including department heads, supervisors, principals, directors **and any others authorized** to make purchases for the Town or Board of Education are responsible for following the provisions outlined in this policy when making purchases with Town or Board of Education funds.*" (Emphasis added) There is no defined process for authorizing employees to make purchases in the Purchasing Policy. This BOS doesn't know who First Selectman Bisbikos authorized to make purchases for the town- and he alone has authority to ensure compliance with the Purchasing Policy.

As described above, under Ms. Williamson the invoice authorizes the town to make the payment for a purchase. For each purchase in question, on each invoice, there is a signature authorizing the payment. This signature bears a striking resemblance to the signature used by Fire Chief Hoffmann on the ambulance contract. I'm unaware of any contemporaneous claims that these purchases were unauthorized.

In my opinion, Lieutenant Bellantone informed Chief Hoffmann of the purchases, and Chief Hoffmann's signature on the invoices authorized the payments. The Purchasing Policy was followed in accordance with processes developed by Ms. Williamson and authorized by First Selectman Bisbikos.

I have attached copies of the invoices and the ambulance contract for your consideration. I have also included the letters Lieutenant Bellantone sent to Chief Hoffmann.

Sincerely,
Michael Dubreuil

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Specialty Vehicles, Inc.

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Plainville, MA 02762
Tel: 508.699.0616
Fax: 508.699.0977
Toll Free: 888.699.0616
www.svine.com

SALES CONTRACT

AGREEMENT

This agreement is between Specialty Vehicles, Inc. ("Specialty"), 18 Commerce Blvd., Plainville, MA 02762, a Massachusetts Corporation and

Buyer/Department: **COLCHESTER FIRE & EMS**

Street Address: **52 OLD HARTFORD ROAD**

City, State ZIP: **COLCHESTER, CT 06415**

Specialty Proposal Reference/Date: **#10018-0010 / OCTOBER 26, 2023**
Houston-Galveston Area Council Area Counsel Contact AM10-20

Hereafter known as "Buyer," in accordance with the conditions contained below and the attached specifications, including any addenda, all of which are made part of this agreement. This agreement will not be effective until and unless it is accepted in writing by Specialty as evidenced by an authorized signature below.

Specialty agrees to sell and Buyer agrees to purchase the goods described in the attached specifications and / or bid proposal referenced above and any attached addenda to those specifications. In any instance where Specialty's specifications and Buyer's specifications are in conflict, Specialty's specifications and the terms of Specialty's proposal shall apply.

SALES PRICE

EQUIPMENT / MODEL DESCRIPTION

PRICE

One (1) New Custom-built Life Line "Superliner" Type I-AD, Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle mounted on a New / Unused Customer Supplied 2024 Ford 4x4 (Gas Engine) Chassis. Final MSO and Ford Order Line Sheet must be provided to Life Line.

Price of Vehicle With Add-On Equipment Included	\$ 386,750.00
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TOTAL PRICE

\$ 386,750.00

This final price may be increased or decreased by written change orders signed by authorized representatives of Specialty and Buyer ("duly authorized change orders") or as otherwise set forth herein. The final price set forth above is exclusive of any required taxes, fees, or third-party surcharges. Any certificates regarding Buyer's tax status or liability must be duly signed by the proper authority and must be in a form acceptable to Specialty.

PAYMENT

"Payment in full" means receipt by Specialty of funds (in United States currency) in the amount of the final price, as adjusted by any duly authorized change orders and any agreed upon holdbacks, plus all required taxes or fees. Payment in full is due on or before the final delivery date. Payments made to Specialty must be in the form of a money order, certified check, bank check, town check, or company check. Specialty will not accept personal checks. In the event of payment by check (other than a certified or bank check), payment in full is not complete until all funds have been deposited in and credited to Specialty's bank account(s).

No payments shall be made to any Specialty sales representative except on presentation, in writing, of an express power of attorney, executed by an officer of Specialty, authorizing payment to the sales representative on behalf of Specialty.

DELIVERY; DELAYS

The place of delivery shall be as follows (select one):

Buyer's address at: 52 OLD HARTFORD ROAD, COLCHESTER, CT

Specialty's address at:

Actual delivery lead-time will be determined after receipt of customer supplied chassis, final approved work order / drawings and signed sales contract; whichever occurs later. Final delivery to be based on chassis arrival along with any vendor component supply chain delays that are out of the control of Specialty Vehicles, Inc. and Life Line Emergency Vehicles. In no event shall Specialty be liable for damages, third-party vendor/supplier surcharges, increases in final price, or other expenses arising from delays in final delivery because of supplier delays or any other circumstances or other causes beyond Specialty's control. Specialty will not be required to make delivery to Buyer unless and until it has received payment in full from Buyer. To the extent applicable, Specialty will deliver ownership documents within three business days when full payment is received.

LATE PAYMENT

If Buyer has not made payment in full to Specialty on / by the final delivery date, the final price shall be subject to daily interest at a rate of 12 percent per year. The adjusted final price will equal the final price set forth above, plus any adjustments described herein, multiplied by: one, plus the product of (a) the number of calendar days after the final delivery date that payment in full is made to Specialty and (b) 0.0003287 (reflecting daily interest at a rate of 12 percent per year). Further, if Buyer has not made payment in full to Specialty by the final delivery date, Specialty shall have the option, in its sole discretion, of selling the vehicle(s) to another buyer and seeking from Buyer any and all damages, including without limitation lost profits and consequential damages.

DELIVERY BEFORE PAYMENT IN FULL

At its sole option and in its sole discretion, Specialty may deliver the vehicles to Buyer before Specialty receives payment in full. In that event, all of the foregoing provisions with respect to late payment shall apply. Under no circumstances will the vehicle(s) be placed into service until payment in full has been received by Specialty. Specialty is hereby granted a purchase money security interest in the vehicle and shall retain all rights of an unpaid seller and a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code until Specialty has received payment in full.

MULTIPLE VEHICLES

If this agreement is for the sale of more than one vehicle or piece of equipment, all of which are identical, the final price for each vehicle/equipment shall equal the final price set forth above divided by the number of vehicles/pieces to be sold. It is the intent of the parties that the sale of each such unit shall be treated as a separate transaction under this agreement, with all of the terms of this agreement applying to each separate transaction.

WARRANTIES

Specialty will assign and pass through to Buyer the standard manufacturer or vendor warranties as may be previously submitted in our bid proposal package, including without limitation and chassis warranties applicable to vehicles. All claims for warranty work shall be submitted and authorized through Specialty. All warranties regarding the chassis, if applicable, shall be covered through a dealer / repair facility authorized by the chassis manufacturer.

INSPECTION

Buyer agrees to inspect the completed equipment/vehicle(s) at a location determined by Specialty and Buyer within three business days after notice from Specialty that the equipment/vehicle(s) is/are ready for delivery. Within three business days of inspection, Buyer must give written notice to Specialty of any defects or nonconforming goods. The vehicle shall be deemed accepted if Buyer fails to give such notice. Buyer expressly waives any other rights it may have to revoke acceptance.

GOVERNING LAW

This agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, regardless of any rules regarding choice of law. Buyer agrees that any legal action under this agreement shall be brought in Massachusetts.

AMENDMENT

No modification, alteration, addition, or change in the terms of this agreement shall be binding on either party unless reduced to writing and executed by duly authorized representatives of Specialty and Buyer.

WARRANTIES

SPECIALTY WILL ASSIGN AND PASS THROUGH TO BUYER THE WARRANTIES PROVIDED BY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE EQUIPMENT/PRODUCTS/VEHICLES BEING SOLD PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED AND SUBMITTED IN SPECIALTY'S BID PROPOSAL PACKAGE REFERENCED ABOVE. EXCEPT FOR THE MANUFACTURER WARRANTIES ASSIGNED, THE EQUIPMENT/PRODUCTS/VEHICLES ARE BEING SOLD "AS-IS." SPECIALTY MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES RELATING TO THE EQUIPMENT/PRODUCTS/VEHICLES, EXPRESSED, STATUTORY, OR IMPLIED, WHETHER ORAL OR WRITTEN, AND SPECIALTY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES REGARDING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

LIMITED DAMAGES / WAIVER OF CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

ASIDE FROM THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES ASSIGNED AND PROVIDED HEREIN, SPECIALTY'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE OBLIGATION AND BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY SHALL BE REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE AND/OR NON-CONFORMING EQUIPMENT/PRODUCTS/VEHICLES AT SPECIALTY'S COST. BUYER WAIVES AND SPECIALTY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OR UNDER ANY LEGAL THEORY, WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT, OR OTHERWISE, WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUIPMENT/PRODUCTS/VEHICLES SOLD UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR: (A) ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES (EVEN IF SPECIALTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES), (B) THE COST FOR PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE EQUIPMENT/PRODUCTS/VEHICLES, OR (C) ANY MATTERS BEYOND SPECIALTY'S REASONABLE CONTROL.

CANCELLATION

This agreement is subject to cancellation by Buyer only upon payment to Specialty of a reasonable cancellation charge, which Specialty shall calculate based on expenses and obligations it already incurred and its anticipated profit. The cancellation charge shall be determined in Specialty's discretion, but shall not exceed its out of pocket losses or its anticipated profit, whichever is greater.

SEVERABILITY

To the extent any provision of this agreement is found unenforceable for any reason all other terms shall remain enforceable to the greatest possible extent.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement and Specialty's bid proposal shall cancel and supersede any and all prior agreements, understandings, arrangements, promises, representations, warranties, and/or contracts of any form or nature whatsoever, whether oral or in writing and whether express or implied, as to the subject matter hereof. Neither of the parties hereto has relied upon any oral representations given to it by any representative of the other party. This agreement and Specialty's bid proposal represents a complete and exclusive statement of terms of the transaction between Buyer and Specialty.

AUTHORIZATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Specialty and the Buyer have caused this agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date set forth below.

BUYER

Colchester Fire + EMS

Name

Steven Hoffmann 

By

Fire Chief

Title

SELLER

SPECIALTY VEHICLES, INC.

Gigi Lee

By

Sales Representative

Title

10/30/23
Date

11/01/2023
Date



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Colchester, CT 06415
860-537-7266 FAX: 860-537-7231

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TAX
FED ID# 06-6001974
(TOWN)
FED ID# 06-6001598 (BOE)

Purchase Order

Fiscal Year 2023

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PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.**

Purchase Order Number **00238310**

Purchase Order Date **06/01/2023**

Department **FIRE**

Bill To
**FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
52 OLD HARTFORD RD.
COLCHESTER, CT 06415**

Ship To
**FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
52 OLD HARTFORD RD.
COLCHESTER, CT 06415**

**MSDS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PURCHASE WHEN
APPLICABLE**

Vendor
**A H STOCK MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
8402 CENTER ROAD
NEWTON, WI 53063**

RCVD JUN 12 2023

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER	VENDOR FAX NUMBER	VENDOR NUMBER	REQUISITION NUMBER	BUYER NAME	DELIVERY REFERENCE
		18239	1663	Andrea Weber	

NOTES					
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UDM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	105002 FLANGE TO BE WELDED TO EXISTING VALVE GL #: 12202 - 46390	1.0000	EACH	\$71.6000	\$71.60
2	6012DE SWIVEL CHUTE GL #: 12202 - 46390	1.0000	EACH	\$3,000.0000	\$3,000.00
3	4036-8X12 TELESCOPIC EXTENSION GL #: 12202 - 46390	1.0000	EACH	\$1,000.0000	\$1,000.00
4	FREIGHT GL #: 12202 - 46390	1.0000	EACH	\$0.0000	\$0.00
GL SUMMARY					
	12202 - 46390				\$4,265.24

*OK TO
PAY & Close PO
6/12/23*

ALL INVOICES IN DUPLICATE TO BE SENT TO:
ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
127 NORWICH AVE. SUITE 203
COLCHESTER CT 06415

Rachel J. Liakkila
Business Director

Purchase Order Total **\$4,265.24**



A.H. Stock Manufacturing Corporation
 8402 Center Road · Newton, WI 53063
 Phone: 920-726-4211 · FAX: 920-726-4214

 * I N V O I C E *

CUSTOMER#: 05 00006001
 YOUR P.O.#: 00238310

INVOICE NUMBER: 0196359 PAGE:

INVOICE DATE: 6/06/23

SHIP-TO CUSTOMER:

TOWN OF COLCHESTER FIRE DEPT
 52 OLD HARTFORD ROAD
 COLCHESTER, CT 06415

TOWN OF COLCHESTER FIRE DEPT
 52 OLD HARTFORD ROAD
 COLCHESTER, CT 06415

* TERMS: NET 30 DAYS

* PLEASE SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE AT [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/AHSTOCK-TC3](http://tinyurl.com/AHSTOCK-TC3)

LIN#	PART NUMBER/DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	LINE TOTAL
001	105002 KD Mounting Flange Stl	1	71.60		71.60
002	6012SW KD Swivel Chute	1	3,000.00		3,000.00
003	4036-8X12 KD 8x12 Telescoping Chute	1	1,000.00		1,000.00
004	- - - SHIPPING CHARGES	1	182.39		182.39
S U B - T O T A L					\$4,253.99
S A L E S - T A X					
I N V O I C E T O T A L					\$4,253.99
U.S. DOLLARS					



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COLCHESTER, CT 06415**

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GL SUMMARY

12202 - 46390 \$4,265.24

*OK to pay
6/12/23*

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Rachel J. Linkala
Business Director

Purchase Order Total **\$4,265.24**



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CUSTOMER#: 05 00006001
 YOUR P.O.#: 00238310

INVOICE NUMBER: 0196359 PAGE: 1
 INVOICE DATE: 6/06/23

SHIP-TO CUSTOMER:

TOWN OF COLCHESTER FIRE DEPT 52 OLD HARTFORD ROAD COLCHESTER, CT 06415	TOWN OF COLCHESTER FIRE DEPT 52 OLD HARTFORD ROAD COLCHESTER, CT 06415
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SUB - TOTAL \$4,253.99
 SALES - TAX
 INVOICE TOTAL \$4,253.99

U.S. DOLLARS



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FED ID# 06-6001598 (BOE)

Purchase Order

Fiscal Year 2023

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Purchase Order Number **00238303-001**

Purchase Order Date 05/26/2023

Department FIRE

Bill To
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
52 OLD HARTFORD RD.
COLCHESTER, CT 06415

Ship To
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
52 OLD HARTFORD RD.
COLCHESTER, CT 06415

MSDS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PURCHASE WHEN APPLICABLE

Vendor
GEARGRID
570 SW 15TH STREET
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025

CHANGE ORDER

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER VENDOR FAX NUMBER VENDOR NUMBER REQUISITION NUMBER BUYER NAME DELIVERY REFERENCE

18235 1651 Andrea Weber

NOTES

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	432403 GL #: 12202 - 42340	4.0000	EACH	\$1,127.0000	\$4,508.00
2	MATERIAL SURCHARGE GL #: 12202 - 42340	1.0000	EACH	\$316.0000	\$316.00

GL SUMMARY

12202 - 42340 \$4,824.00

OK TO Pay
778.00 remainder to be paid
MD 6/30/23

Many was going to do a change order for this PO. Per our conversation this Am

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ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
127 NORWICH AVE. SUITE 203
COLCHESTER CT 06415

Rachel J. Linkala
Business Director

Purchase Order Total \$4,824.00



Invoice

GearGrid Corporation
 670 15th Street SW
 Forest Lake, MN 55025
 Phone: (651) 464-4468 Fax: (651) 464-4780
 www.geargridcorp.com

Invoice Number: 0023060-IN
Invoice Date: 6/8/2023
Order Number: 0028961
Order Date: 5/31/2023
Salesperson: REA
Customer Number: 01-0008486

Sold To:
 Town of Colchester Fire Dept
 52 Old Hartford Road
 Colchester, CT 06415

Ship To:
 Town of Colchester Fire Dept
 52 Old Hartford Road
 Colchester, CT 06415

Confirm To:
 Chris Bellatone

Customer P.O.	Ship VIA	F.O.B.	Terms			
00238303	OD		Net 30			
Item Code	Unit	Ordered	Shipped	Back Ordered	Price	Amount
432403	EA	4.000	4.000	0.000	1,127.00	4,508.00
LKR-Mobile-24Wx72Hx20D-3openin			Whse: 000			
401051	EA	1.000	1.000	0.000	316.00	316.00
GearGrid Materials Surcharge			Whse: 000			
500202	EA	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.00	0.00
Paint-Touch Up-Red Baron			Whse: 000			

Net Invoice: 4,824.00
 Less Discount: 0.00
 Freight: 778.00
 Sales Tax: 0.00
 Invoice Total: 5,602.00



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TAX
FED ID# 06-6001974
(TOWN)
FED ID# 06-6001598 (BOE)

Fiscal Year 2023

THIS INVOICE

Purchase Order Number

238309

Purchase Order Date

5/31/2023

Department

Bill To
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
52 OLD HARTFORD RD.
COLCHESTER, CT 06415

Ship To
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF COLCHESTER
52 OLD HARTFORD RD.
COLCHESTER, CT 06415

MSDS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ORDER IF APPLICABLE

Vendor
RUGGED SOLUTIONS
3019 ALVIN DEVANE BLVD
AUSTIN, TX 78741

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER	VENDOR FAX NUMBER	VENDOR NUMBER	REQUISITION NUMBER	BUYER NAME	DELIVERY METHOD
		18238	1659	Andrea Weber	

NOTES						
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UDM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	
1	OVERMOLDED CONXALL 18FT BALANCED RADIO CABLE FOR SYSTEM 900 FOR KENWOOD TK-690, 790, 890 RF DECKS CONNECTS TO RF DECK ACCESSORY PORT GL #: 12202 - 48404	2.0000	EACH	\$180.0000	\$360.00	\$360.00
2	RRC INTERCONNECT CABLE CONNECTS IM-950 TI RRC-950 INLINE 6P CONXALL PLUG ON BOTH ENDS 10 FT GL #: 12202 - 48404	1.0000	EACH	\$150.0000	\$150.00	\$150.00
3	RADIO ROUTING CONTROLLER, 950 SERIES RADIO ROUTING CONTROLLER, 950 SERIES USED WITH IM-950, IM-977, MS-900SP HOST UNITS INCLUDING WIRELESS VERSIONS GL #: 12202 - 48404	1.0000	EACH	\$540.0000	\$540.00	\$540.00
4	LIBERATOR MAX MASTER STATION 16-CHANNEL RADIO INTERFACE BASE FOR LIBERATOR MAX 16-CHANNEL GL #: 12202 - 48404	1.0000	EACH	\$1,425.0000	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00
5	WIRELESS HEADSET, RADIO TRANSMIT, 16-CHANNEL INCLUDES CHARGE CABLE (25-1027) AND HANGER HOOK (14-7014) GL #: 12202 - 48404	2.0000	EACH	\$850.0000	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
6	FREIGHT GL #: 12202 - 48404	1.0000	EACH	\$0.0000	\$0.00	\$0.00

GL SUMMARY	
12202 - 48404	\$4,261.46

OK TO PAY
9/20/23

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COLCHESTER CT 06415

Rachel J. Linkola
Business Director

Purchase Order Total	\$4,261.46
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**Rugged Solutions America, LLC
dba Setcom Corporation**

85-2685250
PO Box 631906
Cincinnati, OH 45263-1906
(650) 965-8020
www.SetcomCorp.com

Customer #	Date
164028	6/12/23
PO#	
00238309	
Comments / Instructions	

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Terms	Ship Date	Ship Via	FOB	Account Executive
Net 30	6/12/2023	UPS GRD	Austin, TX	Lori Oquendo

Quantity	Item	Units	Description	Unit Price	Tax Rate
2	RCB-18KN		Radio Cable	180.00	
1	25-0108-10		RRC Interconnect Cable	150.00	0.0%
1	RRC-950		Radio Routing Controller, 950 Series	540.00	0.0%
1	MS-900MAX		LiberatorMAX Master Station 16-Channel	1,125.00	0.0%
2	CSB-900MAX Kit		Wireless Headset, Radio Transmit, 16-Channel Includes Charge Cable (25-1027) and Hanger Hook (14-7014)	850.00	0.0%

Setcom's user guides, manuals and other product documents can be found here: <https://setcomcorp.com>
 Setcom's warranty policy can be found here: <https://setcomcorp.com/warranty.html>
 Payment Remittance Information: <https://setcomcorp.com/pdfs/Setcom-Remittance.pdf>

Tracking Number(s)	Subtotal	4,175.00
1ZE0149W0394346820	Shipping Cost (UPS GRD)	86.36
	Total	4,261.36
	Amount Due	\$4,261.36

Chief Hoffmann
CC: Ruby York

RE: Budget Request 2023-24 – Swivel Dump Chute for Tanker 128

Attached is a quote from AH Stock Manufacturing for a swivel dump chute for Tanker 128. There are two quotes, one for mild steel and the other for stainless steel, and both quotes include the necessary mounting hardware and an extension chute to ensure adequate reach beyond the side of the truck. The swivel requires minor welding, fabrication, and assembly, which are not quoted as I am anticipating that Fleet will handle the installation of this equipment and do not have a supplemental labor quote from them.

AH Stock manufactures the Newton Dump Valve which is the brand/model we have on the tanker, and their swivel is the only option I found that was designed for our current valve. Currently the chute is straight off the rear with a clip attachment system for extensions/attachments. The extensions we have are one straight extension and one 90-degree elbow with extendable chute to reach beyond the side of the truck. These attachments are assembled at the scene once the drop tank location is determined and are only capable of dumping in 3 directions: straight or 90-degrees to the left or right side of the truck. When operating at incidents with multiple drop tanks, the attachment will need to be changed or flipped in order to dump in the proper direction, or we are forced to wait for a position to open at a tank for which we are equipped to dump in. The process of changing the chutes, due to the way they are secured, creates a lot of pinch points for fingers and clothing. The angled chute is awkward to handle during this process as it is large. These factors create a significant hazard for our personnel when operating at night, especially during the winter when ice is present around the drop tanks.

This item was requested by floor personnel following a few fires which the tanker operated at. Personnel observed other departments with swivel dumps on their apparatus and were impressed with the efficiency and capability of the swivel over the attachment system we currently have. The swivel chute allows for rapid deployment to any position within 90-degrees of the rear dump chute. The swivel is also simple to operate which means personnel tending to the drop tanks may be able to reposition the chute without personnel having to leave the cab, minimizing the risk of injury for our personnel in the truck.

Please let me know if there are any questions and thank you for your consideration with this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Bellantone
Lieutenant
Colchester Fire Department

Chief Hoffmann
CC: Ruby York

RE: Budget Request 2023-24 – Gear Grid Turnout Gear Lockers

Attached is a quote for Gear Grid turnout gear storage lockers. Each locker unit has 3- 24" wide slots, and 3 units are being requested. These lockers would replace the lockers between ET-128 and Service 128 at Station 28 with priority given to the Career Personnel for these spaces.

There are few manufacturers of firefighter turnout gear lockers. Gear Grid was specifically selected for this budget request due to their rugged design and wide locker slot options. Gear Grid's lockers are manufactured and directly sold by Gear Grid Corporation. They have been manufacturing durable custom wire forms since 1921 and have been manufacturing their line of firefighting storage lockers since 1997. These lockers are manufactured in the USA and designed for long lasting durability, with major departments such as FDNY, LAFD, and Houston Fire Department (TX) utilizing them for their turnout gear storage needs. I personally use Gear Grid's products in both Columbia and Coventry, and in both cases, they have proven to be extremely durable and operate as intended after over 10 years of use. The casters and brakes still roll and hold like they did when they were new, and after sliding the units in and out of a pickup truck when moving between stations the paint was still intact without peeling off or chipping. There isn't much to ask of a gear locker, but there is no indication that these lockers are wearing out and will require replacement after 10 years in service.

This item supports the mission of providing medical, fire, and rescue intervention, as well as protecting and preserving lives of the people in the Town of Colchester. It supports this mission by allowing personnel to keep both sets of their turnout gear in one location for increased efficiency and operational readiness for requests for service. Personnel currently have their gear in two locations on opposite sides of the station, or their second set is folded and placed in their single locker. These lockers are wide enough to accommodate two complete sets of gear, allowing members to keep their gear in one location to improve accountability of their equipment as well as keep their second set ready for use. These lockers would also have more space inside the individual spaces, allowing for increased airflow to aid in drying. Additionally, this would give personnel an area to store "dirty" items, such as coats or other outerwear that is worn on calls that they may not want to store in the bunk room.

Please let me know if there are any questions and thank you for your consideration with this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Bellantone
Lieutenant
Colchester Fire Department

Chief Hoffmann
CC: Ruby York

RE: Budget Request 2023-24 – Wireless Headset System for Tanker 128

Attached is a quote from Setcom Corporation for a wireless headset system for Tanker 128. These headsets integrate with the radios in the apparatus. I am anticipating that Fleet will perform the installation but don't have a labor quote from them.

The headset system quoted is a LiberatorMAX System featuring two wireless headsets. Each headset has the capability of communicating between the headsets and also through the apparatus radios. These headsets operate up to 1,500 feet from the apparatus with up to 15 hours of battery life. More information can be found on Setcom's website:

<https://setcomcorp.com/fire-apparatus-wireless-intercom-headset-system.html>

This specific headset system was selected for this request because it is the same system being installed in all of the new apparatus. This item was proposed to me by floor personnel following a few fires which the tanker operated at. Personnel observed other departments with headset systems allowing for direct communications between spotters and operators. It was also noted that there were multiple near misses during a specific incident that was referenced, and these incidents could have been avoided with better communication between spotters and operators. These will prove to be even more beneficial when operating at night or during inclement conditions. With the Tanker remaining in service once the new apparatus arrive and moving to Station 228, this component may prove to be beneficial and an improvement to safety for many years to come.

Please let me know if there are any questions and thank you for your consideration with this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Bellantone
Lieutenant
Colchester Fire Department