

Request for Legislative Action

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Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	20809
Sponsor(s):	Jalen Anderson	Legislature Meeting Date:	11/8/2021

Introduction

Action Items: ['Award']

Project/Title:

Awarding a 12 month Term and Supply Contract with One 12-month Option to Extend for the furnishing of Body Bags for the Medical Examiner's Office to Frontier Mortuary Supply, LLC of Kansas City, Kansas under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 56-21.

Request Summary

The Medical Examiner's Office requires a term and supply contract for the furnishing of Body Bags. The Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid No. 56-21 in response to those requirements. A total of 35 notifications were distributed, with 3 responded recieved and evaluated. Pursuant to Section 1054.6 of the Jackson County Code, the Director of Finance and Purchasing recommends the award of a 12 Month Term and Supply Contract with One 12-month Option to Extend for the furnishing of Body Bags for the Medical Examiner's Office to Frontier Mortuary Supply, LLC of Kansas City, Kansas under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 56-21 as the lowest and best bidder meeting specifications. This award is made on an "as needed" basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The Medical Examiner's Office estimates an annual usage amount of \$40,000.

Contact Information

Department:	Medical Examiner	Submitted Date:	10/5/2021
Name:	Lindsey J. Haldiman, D.O.	Email:	LHaldiman@jacksongov.org
Title:	Interim Chief Medical Examiner	Phone:	816-881-6600

Budget Information

Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$
Is it transferring fund?			No
Single Source Funding:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
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Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:
17696	October 17, 2011
19310	November 21, 2016

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	Yes
Chapter 10 Justification:	Formal Bid
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	Not Applicable
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	Yes
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	Yes

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
In Compliance	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals are waived - insufficient MBE or WBE firms available	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.

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History

Lindsey J. Haldiman, D.O. at 10/5/2021 11:25:58 AM - [Submitted |]
Department Director: Lindsey Haldiman at 10/5/2021 11:47:24 AM - [Approved |]
Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 10/5/2021 12:56:33 PM - [Returned for more information | Please put the estimated annual amount you plan to spend in the Summary]
Submitter: Kandi L. Brooke at 10/5/2021 1:27:48 PM - [Submitted | Added estimated annual amount of \$40,000 in summary as budgeted.]
Department Director: Lindsey Haldiman at 10/5/2021 2:00:40 PM - [Approved |]
Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 10/5/2021 4:12:20 PM - [Approved |]
Compliance: Katie M. Bartle at 10/6/2021 9:04:46 AM - [Approved | eRLA 265]
Finance (Budget): Mary Rasmussen at 10/6/2021 11:32:55 AM - [Approved | Term & Supply - no fiscal note required.]
Executive: Sylvia Stevenson at 10/7/2021 10:41:14 AM - [Approved |]
Legal: Elizabeth Freeland at 10/11/2021 11:03:10 AM - [Returned for more information | Previous resolution is listed as an ordinance. Please correct. Thanks!]
Submitter: Kandi L. Brooke at 10/11/2021 12:41:35 PM - [Submitted | Changed 17696 from Ord to Res.]
Department Director: Lindsey Haldiman at 10/11/2021 12:50:39 PM - [Approved |]
Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 10/11/2021 1:07:05 PM - [Approved |]
Compliance: Katie M. Bartle at 10/11/2021 2:16:52 PM - [Approved |]
Finance (Budget): Mark Lang at 10/12/2021 12:58:52 PM - [Approved |]
Executive: Sylvia Stevenson at 10/12/2021 1:36:08 PM - [Approved |]
Legal: Elizabeth Freeland at 10/20/2021 9:02:20 AM - [Returned for more information | Please include or attach the estimated annual usage and an explanation of how you determined which was the lowest and best bid. Thx!]
Submitter: Kandi L. Brooke at 10/25/2021 2:32:35 PM - [Submitted | Added justification memo as requested.]
Department Director: Lindsey Haldiman at 10/25/2021 3:00:14 PM - [Approved |]
Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 10/25/2021 3:23:47 PM - [Approved |]
Compliance: Katie M. Bartle at 10/25/2021 3:41:39 PM - [Approved |]
Finance (Budget): Mark Lang at 10/27/2021 12:15:00 PM - [Approved |]
Executive: Sylvia Stevenson at 10/27/2021 2:32:45 PM - [Approved |]
Legal: Elizabeth Freeland at 11/4/2021 8:36:47 AM - [Approved |]



The Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office

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MEMO

To: Katelyn Edgar

From: Lindsey J. Haldiman, D.O., Interim Chief Medical Examiner

Date: October 25, 2021

The Jackson County Medical Examiner has requested Frontier Mortuary be awarded the Term and Supply Contract regarding Bid No. 56-21 for the purchase of body bags required by our department.

During the review process of the 3 vendors that submitted bids, our evaluation team concluded that the quality, strength, and integrity of the Frontier Mortuary samples were superior to the two other vendors. In the past, we have had issues with bags ripping at the seams or zippers and bags that are just not sturdy. In recent days, many vendors have resorted to using thin lightweight stitching or economy seals, causing investigators or transport to use more than one bag to ensure durability and safety. With an independent inner liner providing a second layer of protection, Frontier's bags prevent leakage of body fluids and protect associates who handle the bodies. We found that the bags from Frontier are a better grade of thickness, and we do not see any potential problems with their bags.

While there were an estimated 1200 cases transported to the Medical Examiner's Office in 2020, more than 300 of those required a heavy duty, bariatric style body bag. These heavier body bags are required when a decedent is decomposed or overweight, or may be used during extreme temperature to preserve the integrity of a body. Due to their thickness, bariatric style body bags are also frequently used when processing homicides to ensure evidence preservation. At almost 45% less than the other vendors, Frontier Mortuary's bariatric bags would save Jackson County a considerable amount.

Although adult bags are at a slightly higher cost, several other factors should be taken into consideration during the review process. Most importantly, each Frontier Mortuary bag comes with a forensic accessory kit that includes a sealed waterproof marker, a large identification band, and a tamper resistant security seal. As each of those items are required when transporting a decedent to our facility, including the kit with each body bag eliminates a possible shortage of those items in inventory, and helps cut costs in other areas within our budget. In addition to a forensic kit, each Frontier Mortuary body bag is individually wrapped to prevent moisture and avoid any cross contamination.

It is for the reasons listed above that the Medical Examiner's Office strongly feels that awarding Bid No. 56-21 to Frontier Mortuary is the best, cost-effective option. Please contact me at (816) 881-6600 if you have any additional questions regarding our department's recommendation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lindsey J. Waldman D.O.", written in a cursive style.

Lindsey J. Waldman, D.O.
Interim Chief Medical Examiner



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MEMO

To: Katelyn Edgar
From: Lindsey J. Haldiman D.O., Interim Chief Medical Examiner
Date: September 30, 2021
Re: Department 2001 Disposition, Bid No 56-21, Body Bags

Ms. Edgar,

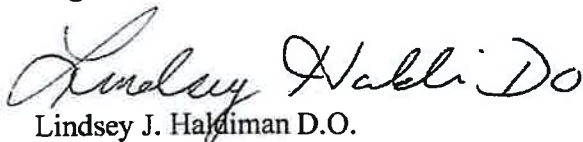
The Medical Examiner's Office is recommending Frontier Mortuary be awarded the Term and Supply Contract regarding Bid No 56-21 for the purchase of Body Bags required by our department.

This recommendation was based on important factors including overall pricing and department feedback regarding quality of the samples received.

The Medical Examiner's Office has estimated an annual spending amount of \$40,000 for this contract.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please feel free to call me at (816) 881-6600.

Regards,



Lindsey J. Haldiman D.O.

Interim Chief Medical Examiner


ATTACHMENT 1
RESPONDENT'S QUOTATION for
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI INVITATION TO BID NO. 56-21

NO.	DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER & STOCK NUMBER	QUANTITY PER PKG	PRICE PER PKG
1.	Adult Size Body Bag	Frontier Mortuary Supply LLC 18-BB-006	5	\$ 165.00
2.	Child Size Body Bag	Frontier Mortuary Supply LLC 20-BB-015	20	\$ 160.00
3.	Canoe-Plastic Body Bag	Frontier Mortuary Supply LLC 19-BB-013	40	\$ 120.00
4.	Infant Size Body Bag	Frontier Mortuary Supply LLC 16-BB-003	20	\$ 140.00
5.	Bariatric Adult Size Body Bag	Frontier Mortuary Supply LLC 16-BB-008	5	\$ 205.00
6.	Misc. Catalog Orders: State discount off Manufacturer's Suggested List Price for each Manufacturer or Category, use additional sheets if necessary to complete your bid.			%
	a) Personal Protective Equipment			10.0 %
	b) Containers / Histology			25.0 %
	c) Prep Room Supplies / Accessories			10.0 %

NOTE: To be considered for award of misc. catalog items, the Successful Bidder(s) must complete Item No. 6. If no discount is offered, you must indicate zero (0) or NONE. If you are offering different discounts by manufacturer, category, or price list, use additional sheets as necessary to complete your bid.

Delivery Time after receipt of order(s) (in stock items): 1-3 business days. Products can be delivered same day in emergency situation.
Delivery Time after receipt of order(s) (if items are on backorder): Frontier Mortuary Supply will stock 3 month supply. Global shipping crisis could affect inventory levels.
Webpage for Misc. Catalog Items (if applicable): www.mortuarysupplies.com

CERTIFICATION

SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 09/21/21
NAME: (print or type) Chris J. Berry	PHONE: 913-278-4828
TITLE: (print or type) CEO	MOBILE: 913-488-2206
COMPANY NAME: (print or type) Frontier Mortuary Supply LLC	FAX: N/A
EMAIL ADDRESS: (print or type) cberry@mortuarysupplies.com	

Invitation to Bid No. 56-21

Opens: 2:00 PM, CDT on 9/28/2021

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