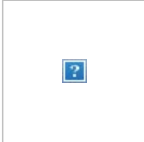


From: [City of Ocala - Contracting Officer](#)
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Subject: Your policy exception has been approved.
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 7:19:38 AM

Your policy exception has been **approved**.

Approval Comments: drobinson@ocalafl.org

This procurement exception is approved as best value. Pursuant to Procurement Policy PRO-060, goods or services with an aggregate contract value of \$15,001 to \$50,000 are to be procured by a publicly advertised competitive solicitation process unless waived by the Procurement and Contracting Officer in response to the using Department's exception request. Here, the Department has informally solicited quotes for Scott SCBA equipment from three vendors, namely: (1) Fisher Scientific (\$17,967.05); (2) MES (\$19,528.81); and (3) SOS Safety (\$19,546.31). Proceeding with the lowest bidder, Fisher Scientific, will afford the City best value not only due to price but due to the fact that Fisher also performs maintenance for its products. PLEASE ESTABLISH A MUNIS CONTRACT AND PREPARE A REQUISITION SO THAT A PURCHASE ORDER WITH THE CITY'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAN BE ISSUED. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS APPROVAL IS ATTACHED TO YOUR REQUISITION.



Procurement/Contract/P-Card Exception

Select exception type:

Procurement

Reason for procurement exception:

Policy Exception for Best Value/Approach

Enter a brief description of your exception request:

Fire is requesting to purchase Scott SCBA. We requested a source well quote from MES and their prices were higher than Fisher Scientific's quote. Fisher is also able to come perform all maintenance on purchased SCBA when needed. I have attached both e-mails to Fisher Scientific and MES.

Attach all documents related to the exception that can assist the Contracting Officer's decision.

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**Who authorized
requesting this
exception?** Clint Welborn