

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #13
TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL**

RESOLUTION #25-11-20-06

Meeting Date: November 20, 2025
First Reading: November 20, 2025

Adopted: **NOV 20 2025**

**RESOLUTION REJECTING LOW BIDDER AND AWARDING SOURCE CAPTURE EXHAUST
REMOVAL SYSTEM TO SECOND LOWER BIDDER**

WHEREAS, the District solicited bids for its Source Capture Exhaust Removal System project (#2025-003) for Stations 2 and 5 and at the time and place for bids received multiple submissions; and

WHEREAS, the two vendors bid as follows:

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| Aire-Deb Corp: | \$76,450.00 |
| Clean Air Company: | \$92,658.00 |

WHEREAS, the bid called for a Plymovent stainless steel magnetic type source capture exhaust removal system or approved equal; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder, Aire-Deb Corp, proposed a product as an "or equal" instead of the product bid by the District; and

WHEREAS, the District reviewed the bid to determine whether it could accept the alternative product; and

WHEREAS, the District Purchasing Manager made the following observations regarding the proposed product:

A. Hose Temp Ratings

CHFD Specs: 3.11 Upper Hose Assembly, 900 degrees continuous – 1,050 degrees intermittent

CHFD Specs: 3.12 Lower Hose Assembly, 900 degrees continuous – 1,050 degrees intermittent

Aire-Deb Proposal: Exhaust Hose, 400 degree continuous – 550 degrees intermittent; Lower Exhaust Hose, 850 degrees

Aire-Deb Proposal: Sliding Flex Track Hypalon Hose – 350 degrees maximum rating

Aire-Deb Proposal: MagneGrip 400 degrees double-ply acrylic coated exhaust hose - 400 degree continuous – 550 degrees intermittent

Aire-Deb Proposal: MagneGrip 850 degrees Lower Exhaust Hose - 850 degrees maximum rating

B. Safety Disconnect

CHFD Specs: 3.12 Lower Hose Assembly: "Lower hose is the only section of hose which shall release in the event of safety disconnect."

CHFD Specs: 3.13 Safety Handle Disconnect Coupling

Aire-Deb's proposal does not appear to include any information regarding safety disconnects

C. Stainless Steel Materials

CHFD Specs: 2 Scope of Work – Specifies a Stainless-Steel system
CHFD Specs: 3.10 Balancer Block – Stainless Steel Cable specified

Aire-Deb Proposal: MagneGrip Balancer – Coated Steel Cable

CHFD Specs: 3.15 Magnetic Nozzle & Transition Elbow – Stainless Steel Nozzle specified, as well as tailpipe adapters

Aire-Deb Proposal: MagneGrip Pro Nozzle – Adapter body is aluminized 12-gauge steel; Transition Elbow is cast aluminum

Aire-Deb Proposal: Sliding Flex Track Carrier Trolley with Elbow, Aluminum Elbow

Aire-Deb Proposal: MagneGrip Lifting Elbow, Rolled Steel

CHFD Specs: 5 Vehicle Tailpipe Configuration – Stainless Steel tailpipe conical adapters specified

Aire-Deb Proposal: MagneGrip Pro Nozzle/Tailpipe Adapter Assembly, Aluminized 12-gauge steel

D. Track Trolley

CHFD Specs: 3 Track Equipment Type (Operating Logic) & 3.5 Track Trolley

Aire-Deb proposed Sliding Flex Hose Slider appears to be fundamentally different than the track trolley system specified.

WHEREAS, based upon these significant changes, the Purchasing Manager does not believe that the proposed product is an “of equal” product; and

WHEREAS, the District Solicitor further reviewed the specification and submissions and determined that the apparent low bidder did not properly complete the submission, never indicating that it was taking exception to the above referenced changes, which the Solicitor determined was a material defect; and

WHEREAS, the District determines that it must reject the bid of the apparent low bidder and award to the second bidder which submitted a compliant bid submission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #13, Township of Cherry Hill, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Commissioners accept and incorporate the preamble as its findings of fact; and
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13, no vendor challenged the specification three days in advance of the bid opening. Challenges filed after that time shall be considered void and having no impact on the contracting unit or the award of contract; and
3. The bid of the Aire Deb Corp is hereby rejected as the bid contains material defects and did not propose an “or equal” product pursuant to the review performed by the District; and
4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(e), permitting the low bid to stand would violate the purposes and provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and reward a bidder that did not submit a compliant bid and penalize a vendor that followed the specification and submitted a proper bid submission; and

- 5. Based on the above, the District awards the contract for Plymovent stainless steel magnetic type source capture exhaust removal system (Project #2025-003) to Clean Air Company of Fords, New Jersey in the amount of Ninety-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$92,658.00) and further authorizes the Purchasing Manager to execute all documents necessary for this project to commence.

The following Resolution #25-11-20-06
and it was seconded by Commissioner

was introduced by Commissioner
. Motion carried.

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| RESOLUTION #25-11-20-06 | | | | |
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| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| ARROYO | | | | X |
| DORAN | X | | | |
| KELLY | X | | | |
| LIPSETT | X | | | |
| MULHOLLAND | X | | | |

I, Sara Lipsett, Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioner, Fire District #13, Township of Cherry Hill, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution #25-11-20-06 was duly adopted by the Commissioners at the meeting held on November 20, 2025.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Sara Lipsett
SARA LIPSETT
CLERK, B.O.F.C DIST #13