

**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY OF PLACER**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**  
**PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Brett Wood, Purchasing Manager *BW*

DATE: January 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Approve the Cancellation of Ten Blanket Purchase Orders with UniFirst Corporation and the Award of a Blanket Purchase Order to Aramark Career Apparel for Uniform Rental and Laundry Services in the Maximum Amount of \$170,000.00

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the cancellation of ten Blanket Purchase orders (BPOs) with UniFirst Corporation of Stockton, CA and the award of a County-Wide BPO with Aramark Career Apparel of Sacramento, CA for uniform rental and laundry services in the not to exceed amount of \$170,000.00 and authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resulting BPO.

**BACKGROUND**

On April 6, 2010 your Board approved the award of Competitive Bid No. 9967 to UniFirst Corporation for a three-year period for uniform rental and laundry services. This action resulted in the issuance of ten Blanket Purchase Orders for various departments.

County departments have documented ongoing performance deficiencies issues with UniFirst. Procurement has attempted to resolve these issues with UniFirst on numerous occasions with little progress and has exhausted their efforts. In accordance with Section 19 of the General Terms and conditions Blanket Purchase Orders may be terminated by the County without cause upon 30 days' written notice.

Due to the ongoing issues with UniFirst it was necessary to find an alternate vendor to provide uniforms to County employees. CalTrans awarded Contract No. 32a0115 to Aramark as a result of a competitively solicited bid. CalTrans contract meets the County's needs for uniforms and allows for additional items to be added as needed. This contract is effective through February 28, 2014.

Section 1.3(e)(3) of the Purchasing Policy Manual permits the use of contracts awarded by another public agency as the result of a competitive bid.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Procurement recommends the award of a BPO to Aramark using CalTrans Contract No. 32a0115 for the period February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2014 in the maximum amount of \$170,000.00. Each department is responsible for budgeting properly for its own expenditures from this Countywide BPO.

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