



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

SAFD Water Tanker Trucks

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC for two (2) replacement water tanker trucks for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), for a total cost of \$1,149,304.00. Funding is available from the Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer submitted by Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC to provide two (2) replacement water tanker trucks. These vehicles will be utilized by SAFD to transport water from streams, lakes, or hydrants to a fire scene. The two replacement water tanker trucks will report wherever they are needed to help support areas with limited water access. The purchase of these two units will comply with all the codes and standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

There are currently four (4) water tanker trucks in use of which, three (3) trucks belong to the City of San Antonio and one (1) truck is on permanent loan from the Texas A&M Forest Service. The

Texas A&M Forest Service is entrusted with monitoring and protecting the state's forest per House Bill No. 9 approved on March 31, 1915.

Two trucks service the far northside and other two trucks service the far southside. These trucks are used in areas where there is limited access to fire hydrants and supplemental water is needed. In extreme emergencies, these trucks have a single fire hose for fire suppression; however their primary objective is water transportation.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for "SAFD Water Tanker/Pumper Trucks" (RFO 6100018592) to Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC, a cooperative vendor, on November 5, 2024, with a submission deadline of November 13, 2024. Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC submitted an offer, meets the published specifications and is recommended for award.

This contract is awarded to Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative # 746-24. The cooperative program was approved for City use through Ordinance 97097, dated 01/30/2003. The use of the BuyBoard cooperative contract allows SAFD to access brand specific water tanker trucks to provide standardized equipment operations for all personnel using the vehicle and equipment.

The term of the contract will be upon award by City Council and will terminate upon delivery of all goods ordered.

#### **ISSUE:**

This contract will provide two (2) water tanker trucks to be used by SAFD. The last day to order these trucks without missing the manufacture's cutoff date is January 31, 2025. Order banks will be closed when the maximum number of orders is reached for the factory's allocated production plan. Lead time for the trucks is 1,215 calendar days to be delivered in 2028. The trucks have a one (1) year warranty, five (5) year engine warranty, and a five (5) year transmission warranty. The water tanker trucks will have a 120-month life cycle.

An electric vehicle alternative is currently not readily available due to market availability, physical demands on the vehicle, service application, vehicle driving range, and charging infrastructure.

This contract will provide a supply of Class 8 heavy duty vehicles. Light-duty vehicles are defined as Class 1 – Class 2 vehicles weighing 10,000 lbs. or less. Medium-duty vehicles are defined as Class 3 – Class 6 vehicles weighing 10,001 - 26,000 lbs. Heavy-duty vehicles are defined as Class 7 – Class 8 vehicles weighing 26,001 and greater. A commercial driver license is required to operate heavy-duty vehicles.

The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements were waived due to the lack of small, minority and/or women owned businesses available to provide these items.

This contract is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

The Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program does not apply to goods and supplies or non-professional services contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this contract not be approved, foreseeable repairs due to the age of the other trucks are expected to cause downtime for SAFD. Delaying the replacements will push out the build an additional 365 days when the next production cycle begins. Deferring this acquisition could negatively impact water supply to areas that do not have sufficient water for fire suppression efforts impacting the health and safety of the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

This contract was procured on the basis of cooperative purchasing and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.