



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Valerie Frausto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Interlocal Agreement with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) to work collaboratively with the City of San Antonio to 1) maintain the Everbridge Mass Notification System 2) contract for a WAVE Engineer and a Regional Interoperable Communications Coordinator and 3) contract for a WebEOC Administrator.

SUMMARY:

An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the Interlocal Agreement with Southwest Texas STRAC and the City of San Antonio. The agreement encompasses three components with regards to emergency management: to maintain the Everbridge Mass Notification System to notify persons in San Antonio of emergency situations including but not limited to domestic terrorist activity that could pose threats to the health and safety of persons and property; and a contract to provide the Fire Department one WAVE Engineer, to mitigate and support interoperability, one Regional Interoperable Communications Coordinator to mitigate and support interoperability to support interoperability as a gap; and one full-time WebEOC Administrator to coordinate data management and board development in support of the administration of the WebEOC application for the AACOG region in the amount of \$260,000.00 for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Funding is available from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant programs.

Costs include:

Everbridge Mass Notification System – \$90,000

WAVE Engineer and Regional Interoperable Communications Coordinator – \$75,000

WebEOC Administrator Position – \$95,000

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio receives grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help people and communities to be more prepared by developing the capabilities needed to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against all threats and hazards. This Interlocal Agreement will allow the City in collaboration with STRAC to support the following three FEMA Core Capabilities: 1) Public Information and Warning, 2) Interoperable Communications, and 3) Enhance Emergency Operations Center.

1. By way of the Everbridge Mass Notification System, the City has the capability to deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community using clear, and consistent, methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate.
2. STRAC's partnership in providing a contract for (1) WAVE Engineer and (1) Regional Interoperable communications Coordinator will enhance operational communications initiative and improve coordination between Joint Base-San Antonio and local agencies.
3. In collaboration with STRAC by providing a contract for (1) WebEOC Administrator to coordinate data management and board development in support of the administration of the WebEOC application for the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) region, including travel costs and software license fees.

ISSUE:

An Interlocal Agreement between the City and STRAC is necessary to enter into an agreement to spend grant funding for the Everbridge Mass Notification System; a contract for one WAVE Engineer and one Regional Interoperable Communications Coordinator; and a contract for one full-time WebEOC Administrator. This interlocal agreement supports the City to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against all threats and hazards.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) and the City of San Antonio to maintain the Everbridge Mass Notification System, and contract for a WAVE Engineer, Regional Interoperable Communications Coordinator and a WebEOC Administrator in the amount of \$260,000.00 for the term of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Funding is available from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.