



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Purchase of Liquid Identifier Finder Handheld System for the San Antonio Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes a one-time purchase with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of two Liquid Identifier Finder Handheld Systems for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$88,200. Funding is available from Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative grant.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer submitted by FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of two (2) Liquid Identifier Finder Handheld Systems to be utilized during emergency events. The Liquid Identifier equipment will help the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT), to detect the presence and identify chemical warfare agents, narcotics, and explosives. The equipment will allow SAFD, Office of Emergency Management the ability to support the community from any hazardous situations.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for “Liquid Identifier Finder Handheld System” (RFO 6100018715) to FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. a cooperative vendor, on February 14, 2025, with a submission deadline of February 20, 2025. FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc submitted an offer, meets the published specification and is recommended for contract award.

This contract is awarded utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing contract number 718-23 and made in accordance with Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) approved through Ordinance 97097, dated 1/30/2003. The use of the cooperative allows for the purchase of the Liquid Identifier Finder Handheld System for the SAFD, Office of Emergency Management, to be completed in a timely manner for SAFD to access brand specific equipment to provide standardized equipment for all personnel.

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

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance approves a one-time purchase with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc for the for the purchase and delivery of two Liquid Identifier Finder Handheld System. The Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative grant expires, and a Purchase order must be issued by April 30, 2025. The warranty includes a 1-year warranty on all parts and labor to the repair system. Access to chemists, product engineers and application specialists for spectral interpretation assistance and/or technical support will be available on an unlimited basis.

The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements were waived as the SBEDA Program cannot be applied on projects funded through the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant program.

This award is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

The Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program does not apply to good / supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this one-time purchase not be approved, the San Antonio Fire Department would have to use outdated equipment to identify hazardous substances. The new equipment will decrease the time for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) to respond and detect liquid substance. The Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative grant expires, and a Purchase order must be issued by April 30, 2025.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes a one-time purchase with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of two Liquid Identifier Finder Handheld Systems for the San Antonio Fire

Department, Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$88,200. Funding is available from Department of Homeland Security, 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative grant.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this contract.

This contract was procured by means of cooperative purchasing and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.