



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Purchase of Custom Rifle Armor Kit (SAFD)

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a contract with Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC to provide the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) with Rifle Armor kits for a total cost of \$148,612.35. Funding for this contract is available from General fund.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer from Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC to provide HICOM Rescue Rifle Armor kits for SAFD. This body armor will be worn by SAFD fire fighters and EMS personnel trained to respond to hostile events or targeted attacks.

In 2015, the Federal Government, along with several National Associations, launched a nationwide push for communities to develop, train and equip Rescue Task Force (RTF) Teams who would be trained to treat critically wounded victims during a mass casualty incident. Because RTF would be entering into a scene once restricted to law enforcement personnel, it was necessary to require RTF medics to be issued ballistic vests and helmets.

Vest and helmet manufacturers design ballistics protection to meet universal needs of law enforcement and military-maximum coverage while standing and or moving towards a threat. Medics, however, are more prone to working within confined spaces while treating and extracting victims as quickly as possible. The HICOM Rifle Armor kits will allow first responders to extract multiple patients from a hostile environment, while providing ballistic protection.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for “Purchase of Custom Rifle Armor Kit (SAFD)” (6100017035) on August 9, 2023, with a submission deadline of August 23, 2023. One proposal was received. Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC is recommended for contract award based on the published specifications.

These items are being purchased utilizing a public health or safety exemption to allow SAFD procurement of brand specific body armor and will allow first responders to extract multiple patients from a hostile environment while providing ballistic protection and is compatible with current department equipment. The equipment was reviewed and approved by the Rescue Task Force Committee.

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

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance approves a contract with Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC for the purchase and delivery of Rifle Armor kits to for SAFD fire fighters and EMS personnel trained to respond to hostile events or targeted attacks. The Rifle Armor Kits come with a 10 year warranty.

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 Business Program does not apply to goods/supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this contract not be approved, it would put firefighters and EMS personnel at risk while working in high-risk environments that require ballistics protection while extracting multiple patients from a hostile environment.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a contract with Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC to provide SAFD with Rifle Armor kits for a total cost of \$148,612.35. Funding for this contract is available from General fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of this contract with Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC to provide the San Antonio Fire Department with HICOM Rifle Armor kits for a total cost of \$148,612.35.

This contract is procured by means of request for offer and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.