



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Purchase of Gas 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 Gas Identifier Finder Handheld Systems for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$122,500. Funding is available from Department of Homeland Security, 2022 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 Gas Identifier Finder Handheld Systems, firmware, software and training to be utilized during emergency situations. The gas identifier equipment will help the SAFD, Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) to detect and identify unknown gases and vapors while responding to hazardous materials incidents. 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 “Gas Identifier Finder Handheld System” (RFO 6100018709) to FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., a cooperative vendor, on February 17, 2025, with a submission deadline of February 21, 2025. FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. submitted an offer, meets the published specifications, and is recommended for 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 January 30, 2003. The use of the cooperative allows for the purchase of two Gas Identifier Finder Handheld System for SAFD, Office of Emergency Management, to be completed in a timely manner for SAFD to access brand specific equipment to provide standardized equipment operations 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 handheld portable, gas/vapor Fourier Transform Infrared spectrometer chemical identification devices, firmware, software and training for SAFD. The Department of Homeland Security, 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative grant expires, and a Purchase Order must be issued by April 30, 2025. Warranty consists of a 1-year warranty on all parts and labor to repair equipment, access to chemists, product engineers and application specialists for spectral interpretation assistance and/or technical support.

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 unknown gases and vapors while responding to hazardous incidents or reduce the response time for emergency personnel to prevent casualties. The Department of Homeland Security, 2022 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 Gas Identifier Handheld systems for the San Antonio Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$122,500. Funding is available from Department of Homeland Security, 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

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