



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Chemical Sampling Equipment 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, delivery and training for Chemical Sampling Equipment for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$81,702.70. Funding is available from Homeland Security Grant Program, FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer submitted by FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase, delivery and training for Chemical Sampling Equipment to be utilized by SAFD's Special Operations Teams. The Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRNE) metering and detection equipment requires to be updated and or replaced to continually identify hazardous materials. These detectors will be placed with the SAFD's Hazardous Materials Team to be used for the detection of Chemical Warfare Agents and Toxic Industrial Chemicals/Toxic Industrial Materials (TIC/TIMs). The chemical sampling

equipment will provide the SAFD's Special Operations Division which consists of the disciplines of Hazardous Materials, Helicopter team, Technical Rescue, Wildland, and Incident Management Teams, for a second-tier response to support rescue services. Vendor will also provide three training days to include training for chemical sampling class and techniques, operation and user maintenance.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for "Chemical Sampling Equipment for Emergency Operations Center (EOC)" (RFO 6100018959) to FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., on April 3, 2025, with a submission deadline of April 7, 2025. FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. submitted an offer, meets the published specifications, and is recommended for award.

This purchase was made utilizing a public health or safety exemption to allow SAFD to access chemical sampling equipment and training to provide standardized equipment operations for all personnel using the chemical sampling equipment.

The contact term will be upon award by City Council and will terminate upon completion of all work and delivery of all goods ordered.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance approves a one-time purchase with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase, delivery and training for Chemical Sampling Equipment for SAFD. Warranty consists of a one-year warranty on all parts and labor to repair equipment. Extended Warranty of two years includes all items as per original manufacturer's warranty and a cleaning and calibration service after two years of unit in-service. The life cycle of the equipment is five years.

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, 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 goods/supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this one-time purchase not be approved, SAFD would be required to procure this equipment on an as needed basis. This may increase the cost of items as well as impact emergency and non-emergency services provided to the citizens of San Antonio.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes a one-time purchase with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase, delivery, and training for Chemical Sampling Equipment for the San Antonio Fire

Department/Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$81,702.70. Funding is available from Homeland Security Grant Program, FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant. A purchase order must be issued prior to the grant expiration date of April 30, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

This contract was procured by means of a public health or safety exemption and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.