



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Purchase of Helicopter Tyler Special Operations Platform for San Antonio Police Department (SAPD)

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes a contract with NTT Enterprises, Inc., to provide the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Helicopter Unit with a Tyler Special Operations Platform with Fast Rope bars for a total cost of \$90,875.00. Funding is available from the 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer submitted by NTT Enterprises, Inc., to provide the SAPD Helicopter Unit with a Tyler Special Operations Platform with Fast Rope bars. This system will increase the unit's capabilities by allowing Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officers to quickly be inserted into critical incidents. Many scenarios in and around the city require the SWAT team to "standby" at a special event or demand a "quick response" to a critical incident. It is imperative that SWAT has a rapid method of deployment that can facilitate roof top insertions or bypass traffic congestion during these events. The equipment will be assigned to the Helicopter Detail and will be used as a regional asset to respond to calls

where SWAT is needed.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for “Purchase of Helicopter Tyler Special Operations Platform for San Antonio Police Department (SAPD)” (RFO, 6100017909) on March 8, 2024, with a submission deadline of March 12, 2024. NTT Enterprises, Inc., is recommended for contract award based on the City’s published specifications and requirements.

The contract with NTT Enterprises, Inc., was procured on the basis of a sole source exemption and is the sole certified vendor of Tyler Special Operations Platform Set and Fast Rope. This purchase of new Tyler Special Operations Platform equipment will match existing equipment utilized by the SAPD Helicopter Unit.

These items are being purchased as Sole Source according to the provisions of Texas Statutes Local Government Code 252.022.07. No other source can supply the items listed nor can any comparable item fulfill the same requirements. Vendor acknowledges, with their signature, that all items offered are considered a Sole Source.

This contract will begin upon the effective date of the ordinance awarding the contract and will terminate upon completion of all work or delivery of all goods ordered, as applicable.

#### **ISSUE:**

This contract will provide one (1) Tyler Special Operations Platform System set and one (1) Fast Rope System set for SAPD. The life expectancy of new equipment is from 20 to 30 years, dependent on equipment usage. The equipment will be inspected by SAPD every use and checked for serviceability. Installation of equipment to the helicopter unit will be handled by SAPD.

This equipment includes a 1-year manufacturer warranty from the date equipment is received.

This contract is exempt from the scope of the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) 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 contract not be approved, SAPD response to security threats during large or special events is limited. Without installation of this unit, SWAT cannot perform roof top insertions or bypass traffic congestion during special events putting the public at risk of delayed support. The San Antonio Police Department and Emergency Operation Center received 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funding to acquire this emergency response equipment, grant funding expires on August 31, 2024.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

This contract was procured by means of a sole source exemption and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.