



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

SAPD-EOC Purchase of Caliber Flex Smart Robot

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes a contract with ICOR Technology, Inc. to provide a Caliber Flex Smart Robot and accessories for a total cost of \$287,193.85 for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) and Emergency Operation Center (EOC). Funding for this purchase is available from the 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is the proposal submitted by ICOR Technology, Inc. to provide a Caliber Flex Smart Robot and accessories for SAPD and EOC.

This Caliber Flex Smart Robot will be used when responding to calls for suspicious packages and improvised explosive devices that threaten the peace and safety of the City of San Antonio (City) and surrounding areas. The robot will provide the capability to monitor radiation from a safe distance, to open suspicious packages/improvised explosive devices with the grip manipulator or attached Percussion Actuated Non-electric (PAN) disruptors and allow for visual recon of the hot

zone and potentially dangerous items.

This equipment purchase will help focus on capability gaps identified in the Alamo Area Council of Government (AACOG) Regional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) regarding man-made threats. In addition, this project supports the SAPD target capabilities such as responses to calls for suspicious packages, rendering safe explosive devices, bomb sweeps during major events and visits from dignitaries.

Previously SAPD utilized two robots that were on loan to the Police Bomb Squad Unit through the Military Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices (DRMO) 1033 Program. However, the two units were returned, leaving the Police Bomb Squad Unit with one unit. The current unit is 18 years old.

The City issued a Request for Offer for “Caliber Flex Smart Robot for SWAT” (RFO, 6100017237) on October 18, 2023, with a submission deadline of October 25, 2023. ICOR Technology, Inc. is recommended for contract award based on their proposal and meeting the published specifications.

This purchase utilizing GSA contract no. GS-07F-0430V is made under federal supply schedules of the United States general services administration in accordance with Texas local government code § 271.103. The use of the cooperative contract allows SAPD and EOC to obtain a Caliber Flex Smart Robot that will respond to calls for suspicious packages and improvised explosive devices that threaten the peace and safety of the City and surrounding areas.

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

**ISSUE:**

This contract will provide SAPD Bomb Squad unit in coordination with EOC, the capability to respond to calls for suspicious packages and improvised explosive devices that threaten the peace and safety of the City and surrounding area. The robot comes with a limited 2-year warranty and is expected to be operational with proper maintenance/upgrades for sixty (60) months, or until no longer economically feasible to operate.

The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements were waived due to the lack of small, minority, and/or women businesses available to provide these goods and services.

This award is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this contract not be approved, SAPD and EOC will not be able to remotely respond to hazardous and critical incidents efficiently. The current unit is 18 years old and is not effective to operate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance for acceptance of a contract with ICOR Technology Inc., to provide the San Antonio Police Department and Emergency Operation Center Department for a Caliber Flex Smart Robot for a total cost of \$287,193.85.

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