



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Rescue Equipment and Uniforms for SAFD's Office of Emergency Management

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a one-time purchase with RescueGear, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of Rescue Equipment and Uniforms for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD)/ Office of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$139,201.54. 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 RescueGear, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of Rescue Equipment and Uniforms to be utilized by San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD)/ Office of Emergency Management. The equipment and uniforms will provide the SAFD with the necessary tools to safely rescue individuals and will provide the overall protection of SAFD's personnel. Equipment includes, but limited to tactical flashlights, helmet and visor, camera adapter, split hoist assist devise, air lift rescue vests, swimmer dry suit, multi terrain boots, gloves, duffle bag, trail running boots, vacuum spine board, dive mask, snorkel, and full body harness. The rescue equipment and uniforms will provide 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 rescues.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for “Rescue Equipment and Uniforms for SAFD/EOC” (RFO 6100019019) to RescueGear, Inc. on April 3, 2025, with a submission deadline of April 7, 2025. RescueGear, Inc. submitted an offer, meets the published specifications, and is recommended for contract award.

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

The contract term 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 RescueGear, Inc. for the purchase, and delivery of Rescue Equipment and Uniforms for SAFD. Equipment has a 90-day warranty, and a 5-year life cycle with proper care.

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 good and supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this contract not be approved, this could negatively impact the SAFD, Helicopter Team which may be inadequately equipped to provide safety to citizens and support personnel as necessary to prepare, prevent, respond, and control emergency incidents within the all-hazard approach.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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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.