



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 5

Agenda Date: December 7, 2023

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Identifinder R425/MX908 for San Antonio Fire Department

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., to provide the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) with handheld portable mass spectrometers, aero module, and radionuclide identification devices for a total amount of \$136,982.25. Funding for this contract is available from the Homeland Security 2022 State Homeland Security Program Grant administered by the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is the offer submitted by FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. to provide SAFD with handheld portable mass spectrometers, aero module, and radionuclide identification devices.

Trace detection equipment will provide SAFD Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) the ability to detect the presence and identify trace amounts of Chemical Warfare Agents, Chemical Warfare Agents in aerosol form, narcotics (to include opioids), and explosives. The radionuclide

identification devices will detect the presence and identify radiological isotopes encountered on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives (CBRNE) related incidents.

These specialized handheld detector units are currently utilized by SAFD Hazmat Team 1 at Station 1. These new units will outfit Hazmat Team 34 at Station 34 with the same equipment. These devices and technology are standard equipment for hazardous materials response and are required to fulfill the requirements of a FEMA Type 1 Hazmat team. The equipment was tested and approved by the SAFD Haz Mat Committee.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for “Identifinder R425/MX908 For San Antonio Fire Department” (RFO, 6100017193) on October 16, 2023, with a submission deadline of October 20, 2023. One offer was received. FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., is recommended for contract award based on published specifications.

This purchase is made in accordance with the Houston - Galveston Cooperative Program passed on Resolution 96-41-48 dated 10/10/1996. These devices will be purchased from FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. utilizing the Houston - Galveston Area Council cooperative contract number EP11-20. The use of the cooperative contract allows SAFD to access brand specific devices to provide reliability, standardization and nearly maintenance free equipment.

The contract will begin upon the effective 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:

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 contract 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, SAFD would continue to use existing equipment through life cycle. However, due to the importance of this equipment for the safety for firefighters, it is critical to have up to date equipment thus allowing SAFD to provide efficient emergency services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., to provide SAFD with handheld portable mass spectrometers, aero module, and radionuclide identification devices for a total amount of \$136,982.25. Funding for this contract is available from the Homeland Security 2022 State Homeland Security Program Grant administered by the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance for acceptance of this contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., to provide SAFD with handheld portable mass spectrometers, aero module, and radionuclide identification devices for a total amount of \$136,982.25.

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