



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Purchase of Body Armor, Armor Plates, Carriers and Ballistic Shields for SWAT Special Operations Unit - SAPD

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Nardis, Inc. for body armor, armor plates, carriers, and ballistic shields for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) in the total amount of \$220,320.00. The equipment will be utilized by SAPD Special Weapons And Tactical Unit. Funding is available from the General Fund FY 2023 Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This contract will provide the one-time purchase of body armor, armor plates, plate carriers and ballistic shields for SAPD from Nardis, Inc. The body armor plate inserts and shields are National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Ballistic Standard Test compliant and capable of stopping bullets fired from firearms at SWAT-Special Operations Unit operators during tactical operations.

The shields provide protection against different firearm and rifle cartridges. The tactical equipment will provide ballistic protection to operators during tactical operations. The three shield

models required have different view ports, provide different levels of protection, have varying handgun and long shooting platforms which differ for different users, and each stops varying handgun and rifle cartridges.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for Body Armor and Ballistic Shields for SWAT Unit (RFO 6100017085) on June 13, 2023, with a submission deadline of June 23, 2023. One offer was received. Nardis, Inc. is recommended for contract award based on the published specifications.

These items will be purchased from Nardis, Inc. utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing contract number 698-23. This purchase is made in accordance with the Texas Local Government purchasing cooperative (BuyBoard) passed through Ordinance 97097, dated 1/30/2003. The use of the cooperative allows for the purchase of the tactical equipment to maintain continuity of equipment for SAPD. The Texas BuyBoard cooperative is administered by the Texas Municipal League. All products and services that are part of this cooperative have been competitively bid and awarded by the Cooperative's Board of Trustees based on the State of Texas statutes.

ISSUE:

This contract with Nardis, Inc. will provide a one-time purchase of body armor, armor plates, plate carriers and ballistic shields for SAPD. The ballistic shields offered are National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Ballistic Test compliant. The shields will replace current equipment purchased in 2017 that have a lifetime of five (5) years. All new body armor and ballistic shields will have a 5-year warranty.

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, SAPD would be required to use purchase tactical equipment on an as needed basis wherein increased costs due to non-contract buying would be realized. Purchases on an as needed basis could also affect delivery times of this equipment required to carry out police operations which could impact the safety and welfare of the officers and City residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the contract with Nardis, Inc. for a one-time purchase of body armor, armor plates, plate carriers and ballistic shields for the San Antonio Police Department for a total cost of \$220,320.00.

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