



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 9

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Purchase of Team Wendy and Avon Ceradyne Ballistic Helmets for SWAT Unit - SAPD

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Con10Gency Consulting for Team Wendy and Avon Ceradyne ballistic helmets and visors for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) in the amount of \$120,342.11. The equipment will be utilized by the SAPD Bomb Squad and Hostage Negotiators, Street Crimes Unit (SCU), and Covert Section. Funding is available in the General Fund FY 2023 Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This contract will provide the one-time purchase of Team Wendy and Avon Ceradyne ballistic helmets and visors for SAPD from Con10Gency Consulting. The Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) Unit tested and evaluated different manufacturers of ballistic helmets. Based on the wear test and ballistic demonstration of the equipment SAPD recommends the Team Wendy and Avon Ceradyne ballistic helmets and visors for the SWAT unit. The equipment will be utilized by the SAPD SWAT Unit and will replace helmets that have reached their end of life.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for “Team Wendy and Avon Ceradyne Ballistic Helmets for Swat Unit” (RFO 6100017036) on June 13, 2023, with a submission deadline of June 23, 2023. One offer was received. Con10Gency Consulting is recommended for contract award based on the published specifications.

These items will be purchased from Con10Gency Consulting utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing contract number 669-22. 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 Con10Gency Consulting will provide a one-time purchase of Team Wendy and Avon Ceradyne ballistic helmets and visors for the San Antonio Police Department’s SWAT Unit to replace helmets that have reached their end of life. The new Team Wendy ballistic helmets will have a 5-year warranty, and the Avon Ceradyne ballistic helmets will have a 10-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, the SAPD would be required to continue the use of helmets that have reached their end of life and would pose a serious health and safety concern for officers and City residents. SAPD would be required to purchase tactical equipment on as needed basis wherein increased costs due to non-contract buying would be realized and affect the 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 an ordinance with Con10Gency Consulting for a one-time purchase of Team Wendy helmets for the SWAT Unit and Avon Ceradyne F90 tactical ballistic helmets for SAPD, SWAT unit for a total cost of \$120,342.11.

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