



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Purchase of Tactical Body Armor and Ballistic Shields for SWAT Unit-SAPD

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with GT Distributors, Inc. for a one-time purchase of tactical body armor and accessories, plate carriers and ballistic shields for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) in the total amount of \$348,755.88. Funding in the amount of \$223,907.83 for the tactical body armor and accessories is available from General Fund FY 2023 Adopted Budget and funding in the amount of \$124,848.05 for ballistic shields is available from Office of the Governor, Bullet Resistant Shield and Grant Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This contract will provide the one-time purchase of tactical body armor and accessories and plate carriers to replace equipment that has reached its end of life. The purchase of the ballistic shields will be used by the San Antonio Police Department Special Weapons And Tactical (SWAT) Unit, Covert Officers, Hostage Negotiators, and Bomb Squad Officers in the event of an active shooter or other emergency. The tactical equipment will provide ballistic protection to operators during tactical operations.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for Tactical Body Armor and Ballistic Shields for SWAT Unit-SAPD (RFO 6100017093) on July 21, 2023, with a submission deadline of July 28, 2023. One offer was received. GT Distributors, Inc. is recommended for contract award based on the published specifications.

These items will be purchased from GT Distributors, 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 allow for 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 GT Distributors, Inc. will provide a one-time purchase of tactical body armor and accessories, plate carriers and ballistic shields for SAPD.

This contract is within the scope of the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program. However, due to lack of available firms and/or subcontracting opportunities, the Goal Setting Committee was unable to apply a SBEDA tool to this contract.

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 purchase tactical equipment on an as needed basis wherein increased costs due to non-contract buying would be realized. As needed purchases 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 GT Distributors, Inc. to provide the one-time purchase of tactical body armor and accessories, plate carriers and ballistic shields for a total cost of \$348,755.88.

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