



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Upgrade Audio Visual Components in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Digital Technology Solutions Inc. to provide audio-visual component upgrades that display and share critical information for the San Antonio Fire Department at the Emergency Operations Center for a total cost of \$457,397.45. Funding is available from the 2021 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer submitted by Digital Technology Solutions Inc. to provide audio-visual component upgrades that display and share critical information at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The San Antonio/Bexar County Emergency Operations Center provides a single point of shared situational awareness implementing effective command and control during large-scale disasters. The EOC allows coordination across all agencies, federal, state, and local emergency management agencies. It is a critical asset, providing communication and coordination among emergency management authorities throughout Central and South Texas.

Over the years many of the audio-visual components that display and share critical information in the EOC have failed and/or are beyond end of life and require immediate replacement.

This contract will replace the existing audio-visual components originally installed in 2006-2012. The components being replaced are the following: Front Lobby - Digital Signage, Policy Room - Control, AV Conferencing, RMOC - AV Conferencing, Command - Cameras, AV Conferencing, Video Wall, Speakers, Assisted Listening System (ALS), Public Information Office – Projector, Media Room – Cameras, and Head End – Control System.

On July 7, 2023 the City received a quote and Statement of Work from Digital Technology Solutions Inc. utilizing cooperative contract DIR-CPO-5079. The quote is in accordance with the state purchasing and general services commission cooperative purchasing program passed on resolution no. 91-39-53 dated 9/12/1991. The use of the cooperative contract allows EOC to upgrade audio-visual components that display and share critical information.

The initial term of the contract shall begin upon the effective date of the ordinance and expire upon completion and acceptance of the project.

ISSUE:

This contract will provide the San Antonio Fire Department with the necessary replacements for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) audio visual equipment which includes cameras, a projector, ceiling speakers and a video wall to support the mission of the EOC and ensure situational awareness providing critical information allowing emergency management staff and city leadership to make informed decisions while managing disasters.

This contract will provide a 90-day labor warranty provided by Digital Technology Solutions Corp. and a one-year manufacturer warranty for installation and hardware.

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, the City will not be able to replace the existing audio-visual equipment and video wall that was originally installed in 2006-2012. If this system were to fail it

would significantly hinder the City's ability to function and support the tactical, operational, and strategic missions during large-scale disasters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of this contract with Digital Technology Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$457,397.45 to provide audio-visual component upgrades for the San Antonio Fire Department, Emergency Operations Center.

This contract is procured based on cooperative purchasing and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.