



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Generators for 16 Fire Stations

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes an acceptance of an offer from Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC to provide the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD), with fourteen gas engine generators and two diesel generators for a total cost of \$494,987.00. Funding is available from FY 22 General Fund Budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is the attached offer from Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC to provide fourteen gas engine generators and two diesel generators for sixteen SAFD fire stations.

On February 22, 2021, Mayor Ron Nirenberg announced the formation of the Committee on Emergency Preparedness. The committee, comprised of City Council members and external community stakeholders, outlined 24 recommendations to reduce gaps in preparedness and response planning for extended emergency events. One of the recommendations called for the

prioritization of emergency backup generators to ensure key City facilities can operate during situations involving extended power disruptions. All City of San Antonio facilities have been assessed and prioritized. This assessment identified sixteen SAFD fire stations currently without emergency backup generator capability.

The fourteen gas engine generators and two diesel generators will support essential emergency elements, to included powering overhead doors, vehicle charger cords, telephone/data outlets, mini-split in Main Distribution Frame (MDF) room, power outlets for station computers, dayroom television, radio, USDD Station Alerting, minimal lighting, refrigerators, ice makers, ceiling fans, and entry/exit gates.

The Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC offer was evaluated based upon the published bid specifications and is recommended for award.

#### **ISSUE:**

This contract will provide fourteen gas engine generators and two diesel generators for sixteen SAFD fire stations. As these fire stations serve the community with emergency services and the required equipment have a long lead time, it is imperative to begin the ordering process for these critical pieces of equipment.

Generators will be purchased from Waukesha-Pearce Industries utilizing BuyBoard Cooperative #657-21 contract with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) Program passed on Ordinance 97097, dated 1/30/2003. Contracts awarded through this Purchasing Cooperative are competitive and meet all bidding requirements.

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 Business Program does not apply to goods/supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

As an alternative, the SAFD can delay the necessary work and process a competitive solicitation; however, without the replacement of the generator equipment, the fire stations will continue to lack the required redundancy to continue safe operation, in the event of a commercial power outage. Furthermore, the lack of redundancy creates the potential to place the public's health and safety at risk.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes an acceptance of an offer from Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC to provide the SAFD with fourteen gas engine generators and two diesel generators for a total cost of \$494,987.00. Funding is available from the department's FY 2022 General Fund Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of a contract to purchase fourteen gas engine generators and two diesel generators from Waukesha-Pearce Industries for a total amount of \$494,987.00 for the SAFD, funded from FY 22 General Fund Budget.

This contract is procured based on cooperative purchasing and a contracts disclosure form is not required.