



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Replacement of generators at the Public Safety Answering Point 911 Emergency Dispatch Center

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC in the amount of \$488,846.00 to replace two generators at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 911 Emergency Dispatch Center, a FY 2023 Deferred Maintenance Project. Funding is available from Tax Notes and included in the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program. The City of San Antonio's PSAP Call Center is located on Brooks City Base on the southeast side of San Antonio. This building houses the 911 call response and support personnel along with the associated systems utilized to sustain the public safety Emergency 911 support operations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The PSAP relies on four emergency backup generators, two of which are designed to provide emergency power redundancy to the facility. For compatibility reasons, it is critical that the replacement generator system be equal in configuration and capacity (600 KW) to that of the original equipment currently on-site at PSAP which is the Generac brand. Furthermore, due to factory delays from the availability of steel and electronic components, the current lead time for the generators are 44-45 weeks from receipt of the order.

To expedite the replacement of the end-of-life generators, ensure equivalent replacement and minimize the amount of lead time to secure a replacement, a Request for Offer (RFO) was requested from Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC as the only Texas authorized distributor for Generac and also the awarded contractor via the BuyBoard Cooperative. Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC previously provided the replacement for one Generac brand generator in 2019 and another in 2022.

The Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC offer received was evaluated based upon the published RFO specifications, as well as, reviewed for conformity to BuyBoard Cooperative contract guidelines and is recommended for award.

ISSUE:

This contract will provide for the replacement of generators at the PSAP 911 Emergency Dispatch Center. This building serves as the answering point for emergency dispatch services and the required replacement equipment has a long lead time, it is imperative to begin the ordering process for this critical piece of equipment. This purchase will utilize the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract 657-21.

This purchase is made in accordance with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) 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.

The recommended award is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

The Veteran-Owned Small Business Preference Program does not apply to goods/supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this contract not be approved, the Building Equipment Services Department can delay the necessary work and process a competitive solicitation; however, without the replacement of the generator, the building will continue to lack the required redundancy to continue safe operation, in the event of a commercial power outage. This lack of redundancy can cause further damage to the building's power regulating system(s) or PSAP's 911 specific equipment. Furthermore, the lack of redundancy creates the potential to place the public's health and safety at risk.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a one-time expenditure contract with Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC in the amount of \$488,846.00 to replace two generators at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 911 Emergency Dispatch Center, a FY 2023 Deferred Maintenance Project. Funding is available from Tax Notes and included in the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a contract with Waukesha-Pearce Industries, LLC to replace the power generation equipment at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 911 Emergency Dispatch Center for a cost of \$488,846.00.

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