



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:

San Antonio Fire Department – Purchase of Handheld Chemical Detectors

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) Handheld Chemical Detectors - ChemProX for the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) for a total cost of \$56,420.10. Funding for this contract is available from the 2020 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer submitted by FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for two (2) handheld chemical detectors – ChemProX for SAFD.

This contract will provide SAFD with ChemProX handheld chemical detectors. These detectors will be used in hazardous areas to assist with detecting biological threats, chemical reconnaissance and surveillance as well as leak location and faulty containers.

Another product, Proengine AP4C, equipment was demonstrated and tested; however, the AP4C product required more consumable accessories than the ChemProX and did not include

Radiological and Biological Detection capabilities like the ChemProX.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for SAFD-Purchase of Handheld Chemical Detectors (RFO 6100016557) on March 27, 2023, with a submission deadline of March 29, 2023. One offer was received. FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. is recommended for contract award based on the published RFO specifications.

These items are being purchased as Sole Source according to the provisions of Texas Statutes Local Government Code 252.022.07. FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. is the only authorized representative to sell the ChemProX, that includes Radiological and Biological Detection capabilities, directly to the San Antonio Fire Department, making this a sole source purchase.

The initial term of the agreement shall be for the period upon award by City Council and shall terminate upon delivery of all goods ordered.

ISSUE:

This contract will provide SAFD with ChemProX handheld chemical detectors. These detectors will be used in hazardous areas to assist with detecting biological threats, chemical reconnaissance and surveillance as well as leak location and faulty containers.

This contract is exempt from competitive bidding and is excluded from the scope of the SBEDA program.

This contract is an exception to the Local Preference Programs.

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 would not benefit from modernized equipment to complement SAFD's field deployable network used to detect and classify Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA's). In addition, grant funds for future Homeland Security eligible purchases may be jeopardized.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance approves a contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. to provide two (2) ChemProX Handheld Chemical Detectors for the San Antonio Fire Department for a total cost of \$56,420.10. Funding for this contract is available from the Department of Homeland Security 2020 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance for acceptance of a contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. to provide two (2) ChemProX Handheld Chemical Detectors for the San Antonio Fire Department for a total cost of \$56,0420.10.

This contract was procured by means of sole source exemption and a Contract Disclosure Form is not required.