



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) Phase II

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with Digital Display Solutions Inc. dba DTS, to provide the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) with audio-visual components upgrades that display and share critical information in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for an estimated total value of \$209,218.84. Funding is available from the 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Area grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is an offer submitted by Digital Display Solutions Inc. dba DTS, to provide audio-visual components upgrades that display and share critical information in the EOC for SAFD. The San Antonio/Bexar County EOC 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 to be replaced include Front Lobby - Digital Signage, Policy Room - Control, Audio Visual Conferencing, Regional Medical Operations Center – Audio Visual Conferencing, Command – Cameras – Audio Visual Conferencing, Video Wall, Speakers, Assisted Listening System, Public Information Office – Projector, Media Room – Cameras, and Head End – Control System.

This contract was procured utilizing the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) with Digital Display Solutions Inc. dba DTS, contract# DIR-CPO-5079. The use of the cooperative contract allows the EOC to upgrade audio-visual components that display and share critical information and to replace failing, end of life audio visual equipment.

On October 11, 2023, the City requested a proposal and Statement of Work (SOW) from Digital Display Solutions Inc. dba DTS, using the DIR-CPO-5079 contract. The initial term of the contract will begin upon the effective date of the ordinance and expire upon completion and acceptance of the project.

ISSUE:

This contract will provide SAFD with the necessary replacements for 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 from Digital Display Solutions Inc. dba DTS 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 (VOSB) Preference Program does not apply to non-professional service 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 which includes cameras, a projector, ceiling speakers and a video wall platform originally installed in 2006-2012. If this system were to fail, it would significantly impact 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.

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