



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

FLIR Griffin G510 Instrumentation for Hazmat Team

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes a contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. to provide the San Antonio Fire Department Hazmat Hazardous Materials Response Team with two FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kits for a total cost of \$282,530.00. Funding is available from the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Management Agency.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is the offer from FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. to provide two FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kits that will be utilized by the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) Hazmat Hazardous Materials Response Team and Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kit is used by the Hazmat Team responding to potential hazardous incidents and emergency situations. The current instrumentation utilized by the Hazmat

team does not have the capability to identify unknown compounds in both pure form and mixtures. Additionally, this instrumentation is required for Hazardous Materials Response Team to be classified as a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Type 1 Hazardous Materials Response Team, the highest possible rating. The grant will expire December 31, 2022. One unit will ship immediately upon vendor receipt of purchase order and the second unit will ship in approximately 10-12 weeks.

The contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. was procured on the basis of a Sole Source solicitation. FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. is the sole authorized distributor of Teledyne FLIR Defense Griffin G510 within the state of Texas. Only an authorized Teledyne FLIR Defense Griffin G510 distributor can provide this instrumentation along with any necessary maintenance and support by trained staff. This purchase of two FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kits will add to and enhance the existing hazmat detection by providing the ability to analyze all phases of matter (liquid, vapor, solid).

#### **ISSUE:**

This contract will provide the San Antonio Fire Department Hazmat Hazardous Materials Response Team with two FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kits utilized for responding to potentially hazardous incidents and emergency situations.

These items are being purchased as Sole Source according to the provisions of the Texas Statutes Local Government Code 252.022.07. No other source can supply the items listed nor can any comparable item fulfill the same requirements. Vendor acknowledge, with his/her signature, that all items offered are considered Sole Source.

This contract is exempt from The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program.

This contract is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

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

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this contract not be approved, SAFD would be required to procure FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kits on an as needed basis, therefore potentially leading to longer lead-times and higher costs to be incurred by the division. This equipment is used to adequately identify hazardous compounds in mixed forms. The department may be unable to respond in an effective manner to provide emergency hazmat services to the community.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes a one-time purchase of two FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kits from FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for a total cost of \$282,530.00. Funding is available from the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Management Agency.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of the contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase of two FLIR Griffin G510 Field Ready Kits for the cost of \$282,530.00, for the Fire Department.

This contract is procured by means of sole source and a contracts disclosure form is not required.