

# City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

# COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

**SUBJECT:** 

Police Responder Trucks

## **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a purchasing contract with Silsbee Ford to provide seven Police Responder Trucks for a total cost of \$335,872.75 for the San Antonio Police Department. Funding for the replacement trucks is available from the FY 2022 Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund Budget.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is the attached tabulation of one offer from Silsbee Ford to provide seven replacement trucks. Under Collective Bargaining Agreement 2016-2021, Article 10 – Section 7, the Equipment Advisory Committee convened to discuss Labor Relations Committee (LRC) Agenda Item #20-37 Ford F-150 Patrol Vehicles. The Ford F-150 Police Responder Truck is the only market available pursuit rated truck. The responder truck includes higher torque on demand with upgraded brake calipers and brake pad friction material not found on regular pick-up trucks.

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) and the LRC recommend the Ford F-150 Police

Responder Truck for its aggressive driving prevention efforts for the Traffic Unit. The Training Academy Driving Staff tested the vehicle and determined the Ford F-150 Police Responder Truck to be a viable patrol vehicle, since it met all patrol standards. The Crime Scene Unit and the Parks Police division will also be receiving Ford F-150 Police Responder Trucks. The Downtown Bike Patrol unit will receive a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Ton Crew Cab truck on the same contract.

Three trucks will be painted black and white for the application of full color markings. Four trucks will be painted solid black to receive subdued markings following aggressive driving prevention program branding protocols.

The Request for Offer was evaluated based on the published bid specifications. Silsbee Ford will hold currently pricing through August 19, 2023.

This contract is procured using TIPS-USA Cooperative #210907 and is made through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Program passed on Ordinance 2009-12-10-1002, dated 12/10/2009. The use of the cooperative contract allows SAPD to access brand specific vehicles and provide standard vehicles, equipment and maintain equipment consistency.

## **ISSUE:**

This ordinance approves a contract with Silsbee Ford for the purchase of seven (7) Police Responder Trucks that are integral to the pursuit operations of the San Antonio Police Department. These trucks are built to order, and depending on the equipment upfitting and make, will take approximately 160 to 180 days to fabricate/upfit.

All trucks are covered with a basic 36,000 mile/36-month bumper-to-bumper warranty and 5 Years/100,000 Powertrain warranty.

The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements were waived due to the lack of small, minority and/or women owned businesses available to provide these items.

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:**

The proposed replacement timeline is considered the optimum time for police responder truck replacement. Any delays in the acquisition will impact the vehicle build timeline and take longer to receive. Meanwhile, potentially costing the City more money to maintain the current vehicles in optimum driving condition. Foreseen downtime from aged vehicles can lead to the departments' inability to provide pursuit services when vehicles are undergoing repairs. The Police Department

will be limited in their ability to provide emergency pursuit operations.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of this contract with Silsbee Ford to provide the San Antonio Police Department with seven Police Responder Trucks for a total cost of \$335,872.75.

This contract is procured by means of cooperative purchasing and a contracts disclosure form is not required.