



# City of San Antonio Certificate of Exemption

Finance

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## Certificate of Exemption

Originating Department: SAFD

Request Date: 1/15/2021

## Exemption Requested/Taken

The City is authorized under limited conditions to make procurements outside of the competitive solicitation process. Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code provides guidance regarding sixteen general exemptions from the competitive solicitation. Departments must submit vendor(s) quotations for any selection below. Please select one exemption:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement made because of a public calamity that requires funds to relieve the needs of the residents or to preserve city property (Note: Department must notify the Purchasing Division immediately regarding such an event) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paving, drainage, street widening and other public improvements or related matter where at least one-third of the costs are paid by special assessments  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A procurement to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the city's residents (Note: Department must notify the Purchasing Division immediately regarding such an event)                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> A public improvement project which has been authorized but for which there is deficiency of funds to complete in accordance with the plans as authorized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement necessary because of unforeseen damage to machinery, equipment or other property (Note: Department must notify the Purchasing Division immediately regarding such an event)   | <input type="checkbox"/> A payment under a contract by which a developer participates in the construction of a public improvement as provided by Subchap. C, Ch 212.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement for personal, professional or planning services   | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal property sold   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement for work that is performed and paid for by the day as the work progresses   | <input type="checkbox"/> Services performed by blind or severely disabled persons   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A purchase of land or right-of-way  | <input type="checkbox"/> Goods purchased by a municipality for subsequent retail sale by the municipality   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement of items available from only one source   | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A purchase of rare books, papers and other materials for a public library   | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising, other than legal notices  |

**\*Does the public health & safety procurement include a "Sole Brand" preference?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**\*Is this an "Emergency" purchase request that exceeds \$50,000 in value and would require City Council ratification?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**\*Sourcing Accounting Details**

☒ Insert Shopping Cart (SC) or Purchase Requisition (PR) #

☐ Insert Annual Contract #

**Enter:** Shopping Cart (SC) # / Purchase Requisition (PR) #:  
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(enter "NA" if unavailable)

OR

Explanation (justification) why Shopping Cart # or Purchase Requisition # is unavailable

Multi-year contract request.




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## Sole Brand Justification Notice

You have indicated that this Certificate of Exemption is being requested for a purchase that is categorized as a "Sole Brand" procurement. Justification for such a purchase **MUST be provided in the following section of the form, where the justification for sole brand purchase can be documented and submitted as part of this Certificate of Exemption request.** Provide any related documents used in justifying the sole brand aspects of this purchase, attaching any correspondence(s) related to establishing that justification.

Click on the paperclip icon  located in the left margin of this form to make any required attachment.

## Sole Brand Justification Details

\*Name of Item: First Responder Trucks

\*Manufacturer: FCA

\*Model Number: Ram 2500 - Ram 3500

\*Source Count: ☐ Available from only one source ☒ Available from more than one source

\*Name of Brand: Ram Truck with differing levels of lights, sirens, and storage.

\*Brief description of where or how the item(s) will be used:

EMS Responder Trucks are assigned to EMS Supervisors that provide additional support to deployed ambulances. These trucks can carry additional emergency medical technicians and supplies to a call for medical emergency services. These trucks are capable to provide direct medical support when a gurney is not required.

First Responder Trucks are assigned to Battalion Chiefs that accompany fire engines, platform ladder trucks, and squad trucks during calls for critical fire fighting response. These trucks can carry additional fire fighters and auxiliary supplies.

Squad Trucks are smaller response vehicles that respond to minor calls for service, that reduce the wear and tear on larger more expensive fire fighting vehicles. These vehicles are driven by firefighters that also have their paramedic certifications that can respond to minor emergencies, small fires, as well as provide additional support as required.

\*Describe the performance functions proprietary to the item(s) requested and why they are necessary to accomplish the project:

The Fire Department Apparatus Committee has selected the Ram truck series as its First Responder vehicle for consistency of in-house maintenance. The vehicle manufacturer has offered to make the City a certified warranty provider for minor issues. Should the City accept, then the Fire Department could receive on-going technician training, wiTECH diagnostic system access, and reimbursement for minor in-house repairs performed during the warranty period. The proposed contract would supply vehicle needs for two fiscal years at the same price under the same vehicle production run. This contract would provide consistency of wiring and graphic application when it is performed by the same vendor. City staff would travel to one location only for equipment installation approval when one vendor is selected.

\*Will the item be used in conjunction with existing equipment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

\*Will it be used as a component to be interfaced with existing equipment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

\*Will this be used as an accessory or option? ☐ Yes ☒ No

\*Will training be required? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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\*Name other sources/brands whose products have been evaluated and why they do not meet requirements:

Vehicle operation will be the same for each shift at each fire station. These trucks have specific builds that use brands of equipment and parts that would be interchangeable with inventory stock on hand. The utility body truck console is the same as ambulances. Whelen lights are the same for each vehicle of equivalent size. Likewise sirens, horns, and pull out beds will have consistent operation. Each truck maker has different wheelbase lengths, engine HP, and different dimensions for storage, camper body, and utility body and would not be interchangeable.

**\*Required attachment: Sole Brand Justification Document explaining why requested item(s) are only suitable from one one brand (Labor Relations Committee (LRC) Memo, other department-approved brand justification, etc.).**

\*Has all of the required justification documentation been attached to this request? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Execution/Filing Details

***This Certificate of Exemption is executed and filed with the Finance Department as follows:***

1. The undersigned is authorized to approve an exemption;
2. An exemption according to Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code exists.

More specifically, the following event has occurred:

There is more than one interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing available for this brand.

3. Because the exemption stated above exists, the City of San Antonio intends to contract with

**Any Ram Dealer** which will cost approximately \$ **1,139,915**

## Approvals

**Instructions:** Enter your Network credentials and "click" the **Sign** button for Authentication eSignature:

UserID: \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_

**Christopher M Monestier (SAFD)**

Originator

**01/21/2021**

Date

Department Director Approval

Date

Executive Leadership Team Approval  
(approval required only for ratification by City Council)

Date

*Jennifer Johnson*  
Procurement Administrator Approval

**January 27, 2021**

Date

To send this approval document to the next approver, press **Send Forward**.  
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