



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Purchase of Rescue Equipment

SUMMARY:

This ordinance accepts an offer from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. for a one time purchase of seven sets of rescue tools and accessories for the San Antonio Fire Department for a total cost of \$188,965.00. Funding for this contract is available through the FY 2018 Fire Department General Fund budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This contract will provide the San Antonio Fire Department with equipment required to respond to automobile traffic accidents where individuals become trapped in their vehicles. The Fire Department currently has 23 sets of hydraulic rescue tools deployed in the field, which includes two sets of recently purchased Hurst eDraulic rescue tools in June 2017. The remaining 21 sets of rescue tools are planned to be replaced over the next three years. The current purchase will allow the Fire Department to distribute one set of new Hurst eDraulic rescue tools to each District within the City.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) on February 12, 2018 to Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for the purchase of rescue cutters, rams, spreader tools and accessories citing a Public Health and Safety Exemption. MES is the only Hurst dealer whose sales territory includes Bexar County and whose personnel have been factory trained by the manufacturer on the operation, maintenance and service of this equipment. MES is also approved by Hurst to perform warranty repairs, annual maintenance and services for the equipment being purchased. The Hurst eDraulic rescue tools, as determined through testing by the Fire Tool and Safety

Committee, is the safest and most effective emergency tools available, with high pressure capability to cut through Ultra High-Strength Steel (UHSS).

ISSUE:

This contract will provide the San Antonio Fire Department with rescue tools and accessories, commonly referred to as “Jaws of Life”, to be utilized during traffic accident emergencies where victims are trapped in their vehicles.

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

The recommended award is an exception to the Local Preference Program.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this contract not be approved, the San Antonio Fire Department would not have the latest rescue tool technology and be able to replace aging equipment. The Fire Department currently has 21 sets of hydraulic tools that are reaching the end of their service life.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a contract with Municipal Emergency Services for the purchase of rescue tools and accessories to be utilized during vehicular traffic accidents where victims are trapped in their vehicles. The total cost for this one time purchase is \$188,965.00.

This contract was procured by means of Public Health or Safety Exemption and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.