



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Finance

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Troy Elliott

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Tactical Equipment, Body Armor, and Accessories for SAPD

SUMMARY:

An Ordinance accepting the offer from GT Distributors, Inc., to provide the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) with the purchase and delivery of tactical equipment, body armor and accessories for a total cost of \$177,118.16 funded through the FY 2019 General Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is the offer submitted by GT Distributors, Inc. to provide the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) with tactical equipment, body armor, and accessories for a one-time cost of \$177,118.16.

The tactical equipment and body armor are required to meet the technical standards of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standards for ballistic resistance for threat level IIIA. All tactical equipment and body armor are also required to be custom fitted by the awarded vendor prior to delivery. The equipment will be utilized by the SAPD Tactical Anti-Gang (TAG), Street Crimes, and Narcotics Units.

The City issued a Request for Offer (RFO) for the one-time purchase for the "SAPD - Tactical Equipment, Body Armor, and Accessories" on July 24, 2019, with a submission deadline of August 07, 2019. This purchase is exempt from competitive bidding citing the public health or safety provision allowed under state statute to maintain consistency with prior body armor purchases made by SWAT, Bomb, K-9, Repeat Offenders

Patrol, Narcotics, and the Special Crime Units.

ISSUE:

This contract will provide the SAPD with the purchase of tactical equipment for the protection of uniformed police officers in the field against projectiles. This purchase will replace existing tactical equipment which will meet the manufacturer's life cycle thresholds in the near future. In addition, this contract will provide tactical equipment to uniformed police officers new to these specified units.

This contract is within the scope of the 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.

There were no offers submitted from local bidders for this contract; therefore, the Local Preference Program was not applied.

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

ALTERNATIVES:

Should this purchase not be approved, the San Antonio Police Department would be required to utilize expired tactical equipment until new equipment can be purchased. In addition, uniformed officers recently assigned to these units will lack proper equipment to perform their assigned duties.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a contract with GT Distributors, Inc. to purchase delivery of tactical equipment, body armor and accessories for a total cost of \$177,118.16 funded through the FY 2019 General Fund. The equipment will be utilized by the SAPD Tactical Anti-Gang (TAG), Street Crimes, and Narcotics Units.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of a contract with GT Distributors, Inc. for the one-time purchase of tactical equipment, body armor, and accessories in the amount of \$177,118.16.

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