



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 20, 2021

DATE: April 20, 2021
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Purchase of Refurbished Robot Vehicle for Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a refurbished, replacement robot vehicle for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Bomb Squad, with Remotec Inc., a Subsidiary of Northrop Grumman of Clinton, Tennessee, for a total amount of \$115,000.00 with funds available from the Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Purchase of a refurbished robot vehicle that will provide the bomb squad with a bomb disposal robot to be used on all calls by all members of the Bomb Squad.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The proposed robot vehicle will provide the Bomb Squad with a bomb disposal robot to be used on all calls by all members of the bomb squad. The proposed robot vehicle is a smaller, lighter weight unit that can be transported in a normal vehicle, providing for faster response times. The current model is larger and requires being towed behind a large Freightliner truck response vehicle. Current policing trends are moving toward the need for a faster, more portable set of tools, to include the robot vehicle.

The funds to purchase the replace robot vehicle were awarded by the State of Texas, Department of Homeland Security, in response to a request for grants in 2020. Although this purchase is for the Corpus Christi Police Department, the Corpus Christi Fire Department coordinates the grant application process that will fund the proposed purchase of the refurbished robot vehicle.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This is a sole source procurement. Remotec, Inc., a Subsidiary of Northrop Grumman, is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the explosive device disposal robot vehicle. The current robot also was purchased from Remotec, Inc. for \$220,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not purchase the refurbished robot vehicle and continuing using the current robot vehicle, increasing response times and repair costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2021 is in the amount of \$115,000 from the Fire Grants Fund. Although this purchase is for the Corpus Christi Police Department, the Corpus Christi Fire Department coordinates the grant application process that will fund the proposed purchase of the refurbished robot vehicle.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1062 – Fire Grant Fund
Organization/Activity: 821261F
Mission Element: 095
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 55020 Vehicles & Machinery
Amount: \$115,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval for the purchase of a refurbished robot vehicle for the Police Department Bomb Squad from Remotec Inc., with funds from the Fire Grants Fund.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet
Resolution