



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting October 13, 2020

DATE: October 13, 2020

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Griffin Hazmat Detection Equipment and Onsite Training for CCFD

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of equipment and two-year service agreement with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., Schertz, Texas, for a total amount not to exceed \$126,371.00, for one Hazmat Detection Portable Device and Onsite Training services for the Corpus Christi Fire Department with FY 2021 funding available from the Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a purchase and two-year service agreement with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for one Griffin G510 Hazmat Detection Portable Device and Onsite Training services for the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD). The device and training will enhance the CCFD HazMat team's ability to respond to emergency calls when identifying chemical warfare agents, explosives, toxic industrial chemicals, narcotics, and/or other suspicious substances.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The CCFD HazMat team currently has a handheld chemical identifier, with limited detection capabilities that was purchased in 2017. The department will continue to use this device when deemed appropriate. The Griffin Hazmat Detection Portable Device will greatly advance the teams capability of identifying chemicals in the field within a fraction of the time that the team's current equipment is capable of reporting. This device will also require a smaller testing sample as compared to the current equipment. The Griffin

equipment will allow the team to test solids, liquids, and gases, including trace-level detection of narcotics such as opioids, amphetamines, and other illegal substances, explosives, and environmental pollutants. The new device will help CCFD upgrade the current FEMA Type II Hazmat classification to a FEMA Type I Hazmat classification, which will allow the HazMat team to better assist local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Additionally, CCFD will receive a onetime onsite training by a certified instructor on the proper use of the equipment. The training will include how to utilize, clean, maintain, and calibrate the equipment. Due to COVID, the department will be working with the certified instructor to schedule the training. The agreement includes preventative maintenance, customer support, and an additional warranty to ensure the device is properly maintained.

The Contracts and Procurement Department conducted a competitive Request for Bid process to obtain bids for this purchase and service agreement. The City received one responsive, responsible bid and one non-responsive bid. Staff is recommending the award to FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for Griffin Hazmat Detection Equipment and Onsite Training services for CCFD in the amount of \$126,371.00. City staff determined the price to be fair and reasonable as the current rate researched by reviewing estimates from other suppliers being \$128,950.00 to \$129,050.00 for the same product and services. CCFD has previously purchase personal protective equipment from FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to not accepting this bid would be that the CCFD HazMat team would continue to use outdated equipment and not be able to provide a higher level of emergency response to the City’s citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2021 is \$126,371.00 from the Homeland Security Grant Program – State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant for the two-year service agreement with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	821260F	Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program, Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities
Mission Element:	093	Respond to Emergency Call
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this motion authorizing a two-year service agreement with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for Griffin G510 Hazmat Detection Equipment and Onsite Training as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Bid Tabulation
Service Agreement