



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 8, 2020

DATE: August 25, 2020

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Binocular Night Vision Device Systems and Onsite Training for CCPD

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase and replacement of 10 Binocular Night Vision Device Systems and Onsite Training services with Land and Groove LLC, Spicewood, TX, for a total amount not to exceed \$114,990.00, for the Corpus Christi Police Department, with funding available from the Homeland Security Grant Program – State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a one-year service agreement with Land and Groove LLC for the purchase of 10 Binocular Night Vision Device Systems and Onsite Training services for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD). The devices will enhance the CCPD SWAT team's ability to respond to high-risk callouts while faced with adverse lighting conditions.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The CCPD SWAT team provides assistance and support to local, state, and federal agencies operating within the region. As the CCPD SWAT team is vital to halting and apprehending threats to the community, it is critical that the team have updated binocular night vision device systems to increase the safety of our officers.

The CCPD SWAT team currently only has four outdated devices that are 20 years old which do not have the capabilities of the current industry standard models. The binocular

night vision device systems will equip the CCPD SWAT team with modernized field equipment that improves depth perception, thus advancing the team's safety and improving its ability to respond to high-risk incidents where there is limited lighting. The team will utilize this equipment when confronted with conditions of extreme low light and inclement weather. The devices are expected to have a life span of 15-20 years with regular maintenance. The Police Department has an ongoing maintenance plan for these devices. Additionally, CCPD will receive an 8-hour course so that each officer can get familiar with operating the binocular night vision device systems. The course will include both lecture and hands-on training that will cover a wide range of materials for the use, functions, capabilities & limitations, and maintenance on the devices.

The Contracts and Procurement Department conducted a competitive Request for Bid process to obtain bids for this new contract. The City received one responsive, responsible bid, and is recommending award to Land and Groove LLC for Binocular Night Vision Device Systems and Onsite Training for CCPD in the amount of \$114,990.00. The cost of the binoculars includes the training for no additional price. City staff determined the price to be fair and reasonable for this single bid as the current rate researched from online retailers is \$135,000.00 for the same product without the onsite training.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to not accepting this bid would be that the CCPD SWAT team would continue to use outdated equipment and not be able to provide a higher level of protection to the City's citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2020 is an amount of \$114,990.00 to be funded from the Homeland Security Grant Program – State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant which is part of the grant managed by the Fire Department.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	821256F	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 one-year service agreement with Land and Groove LLC for Binocular Night Vision Device Systems and Onsite Training as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Bid Tabulation

Service Agreement