

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04LOCUTION REFRESH

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Amendment 2 to City Secretary Contract 58211 with Locution Systems Inc., for Firestations with a CADVOICE Alert System for Upgrades and Annual Maintenance to Increase the Authorized Amount Up to \$541,375.00 Annually for a Contract Total Amount of \$641,375.00 with Four Renewal Options

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize amendment 2 to City Secretary Contract 58211 with Locution Systems Inc., for fire stations with a CADVOICE Alert System for upgrades and annual maintenance, the amendment will increase the authorization amount up to \$541,375.00, for a total contract amount of \$641,375.00 with four renewal options.

DISCUSSION:

The Information Technology Solutions (ITS) Department will utilize this agreement with Locution Systems Inc. (Locution), to purchase upgrades to CADVOICE Alert Systems for Fire, spare parts on an as needed basis and annual support maintenance for all fire stations that have the CADVOICE Alert System.

CADVOICE is an automated dispatching and fire station alerting system that interfaces with standard computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems. This is the standard alerting technology used at all fire stations throughout the City. This technology separates the act of speaking the dispatch from the dispatcher, allowing them to handle more calls in the same amount of time, and providing first responders with a clear, consistent, accent-neutral voice that is easy to understand in stressful situations.

The Chart below demonstrates the cost breakdown per Station.

Station	Address	Funding	Estimated Costs
1	120 N. Pecan	Fiscal Year (FY) 22 Fire Department (FD) Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
2	1000 Cherry Street	FY22 FD Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
8	1101 12th Avenue	FY22 FD Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
14	2737 Meadowbrook Drive	FY22 FD Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
23	3201 Portales Street	FY22 FD Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
24	3101 Forest Avenue	FY22 FD Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
31	4209 Longstraw Drive	FY22 FD Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
38	13280 Park Vista Boulevard	FY22 FD Locution Refresh - 104548	\$39,500.00
16	5933 Geddes Ave	FY23 FD Locution Refresh-104547	\$60,000.00
15	3100 Azle Avenue	FY24 FD Station 15 -105400	\$50,000.00
43	Walsh Ranch Pkwy and Walsh Ave	P00038/FY24 FD Locution Refresh	\$70,000.00
	Annual Maintenance Per Station (11, optional)		\$45,375.00
		Total	\$541,375.00

Locution is the documented sole source vendor for the CADVOICE Alert System and support maintenance service because they are the only vendor that has access to information and programs required to maintain the CADVOICE Alert System.

PRICE ANALYSIS - The City has purchasing history for the CADVOICE Alert System, spare parts and maintenance. The prices offered by Locution remain unchanged from the previous purchase prices. Staff reviewed the pricing and determined it to be fair and reasonable.

BUSINESS EQUITY: A waiver of the goal for Business Equity subcontracting requirements was requested, and approved by the DVIN, in accordance with the applicable Ordinance, because the purchase of goods or services is from a sole source where subcontracting or supplier opportunities are negligible.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

AGREEMENT TERM - Upon City Council's approval, this Agreement will begin once executed by the Deputy City Manager and end October 31, 2027.

RENEWAL OPTIONS - This agreement may be renewed for up to four successive one-year terms at the City's option. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital and operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the ITS Capital Fund for the FY23 FD Locution refresh, FY24 FD Station 15 Refresh, FY24 FD Station 43 Refresh and the FY 22 FD Locution Refresh projects and in the Info Technology Systems Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the amendment. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Information Technology Solutions Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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