

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/14/24

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0377

LOG NAME: 13P GSA GS-07F-0430V BOMB DISPOSAL ROBOTS KQ FIRE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreement with ICOR Technology, Inc. Using General Services Administration Contract No. GS-07F-0430V for the Purchase of Bomb Disposal Robots and Accessories for the Bomb Squad in an Amount Up to \$250,000.00 Per Term and Authorize Five Annual Renewal Options for the Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with ICOR Technology, Inc. using General Services Administration Contract No. GS-07F-0430V for the purchase of bomb disposal robots and accessories for the bomb squad in an amount up to \$250,000.00 per term and authorize five annual renewal options for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department approached the Purchasing Division to finalize an annual agreement with ICOR Technology, Inc. using General Services Administration (GSA) Contract No GS-07F-0430V for bomb disposal robots and accessories for the City's bomb squad. The first term of this agreement will be utilized to purchase a bomb disposal robot and accessories that will primarily be used to remotely mitigate suspected Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), particularly IEDs located inside vehicles. The robot comes with a dual disruptor system used to remotely open packages and disrupt electronic circuits within the package of an IED. This robot will strengthen the bomb squad's ability to mitigate IEDs remotely and safely. Renewal terms for this agreement will be used to purchase robot accessories as needed. If future grant funds are awarded and accepted by the City Council to purchase additional robots, this agreement may also be used for that purpose.

Approval of this Mayor & Council Communication authorizes the City to spend up to \$250,000.00 per term. Actual usage can be up to the authorized amount and will be dependent upon actual appropriations for this purpose in the department's budget.

State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement satisfies state laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for the purchase of the item. GSA has been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities. This cooperative contract was awarded to ICOR Technology, Inc. on August 1, 2019.

Funding is budgeted in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the purpose of funding the 2023 UASI-Arson-Bomb Squad project.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDERS - 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 TERMS - The Agreement's initial term will begin on the date of execution and expire on July 31, 2024.

RENEWAL OPTIONS – The Agreement will include five (5) one-year renewal options.

A M/WBE goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

This project will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and award of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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