

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13PAMEND CSCO 55664 AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES JF FIRE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Amendment to an Agreement with AVI-SPL LLC for Audio-Visual System Integration and Support Services to Increase the Annual Spending Authority by \$146,000.00 for a New Annual Amount Up to \$246,000.00 Using a GSA Cooperative Agreement for the Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an amendment with AVI-SPL LLC for audio-visual system integration and support services to increase the annual spending authority by \$146,000.00 for a new annual amount up to \$246,000.00 using GSA cooperative contract no. 47QTCA21D0070 for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

On May 3, 2021, the Fire Department executed an agreement with AVI-SPL LLC (CSC 55664) using a GSA Cooperative Agreement for audio-visual system integration and support services to enhance communication and collaboration capabilities. The Fire Department reached out to Purchasing to request an increase of \$146,000.00 to the annual spending authority to prepare for the upcoming World Cup. This will ensure high-quality, reliable audio and enhanced system performance. The upgrades will support increased usage demands, improve communication capabilities, and help deliver a seamless experience for staff and attendees during this major international event. This adjustment reflects the expanded scope of work, including additional equipment, enhanced system capabilities, and improved infrastructure. These enhancements are critical to meeting performance standards and ensuring the project is delivered successfully and on time.

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication authorizes the City to spend up to \$246,000.00 per year with AVI-SPL LLC for audio-visual system upgrades, maintenance, and support services. Actual usage in any term can be up to the authorized amount and will be dependent upon actual appropriations for this purpose in the department's budgets.

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 Contract No. 47QTCA21D0070 has been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities. The current renewal term of GSA Contract No. 47QTCA21D0070 ends March 22, 2026, with no additional renewal options. Staff reviewed the pricing and determined it to be fair and reasonable.

Services and equipment will be purchased using UASI Grant Funding. On November 12, 2024, the City Council approved the application for and acceptance of the 2024 Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, in an amount up to \$3,014,543.17 (Mayor and Council Communication 24-0987). The grant will support critical homeland security efforts, including enhancements to emergency response capabilities, acquisition of advanced equipment, first responder training, and upgrades to regional communication systems. It will also fund regional coordination and ongoing preparedness activities to maintain a comprehensive and effective security posture.

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.

RENEWAL OPTIONS – The current renewal term of this Agreement will end on March 22, 2026, with no additional options to renew.

Funding is budgeted in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the Fire Department for the purpose of funding the 2023 UASI-JEOC Sustainment project.

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 execution of the amendment. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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