

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/26/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0821

LOG NAME: 36FLIR SOLE SOURCE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Purchase of an Optical Gas Imager, Associated Parts, and Warranty from Teladyne FLIR Detection Incorporated, in an Amount Up to \$125,000.00 Funded by the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Using a Sole Source Contract for the Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of an optical gas imager, associated parts, and warranty from Teladyne FLIR Detection Incorporated, in an amount up to \$125,000.00 funded by the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, using a sole source contract for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the purchase of an optical gas imager that will allow hazardous materials responders from the Fire Department to rapidly evaluate and assess a large area for flammable gas leaks. This would define areas of danger in the event of a large incident involving flammable gases such as a building collapse from a truck bomb similar to the Oklahoma City bombing. This device reduces the time it takes to assess an area for flammable gases and provides information to Incident Command to direct the response.

Teledyne FLIR Incorporated is the sole source equipment manufacturer and vendor of the GFx320 Optical Gas Imager, thus not subject to competitive bidding requirements.

The maximum amount allowed under this agreement will be \$125,000.00 and is budgeted in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the purpose of funding the 2022 HSGP Special Response Teams project, as appropriated.

DVIN-BE: 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 waiver request is based on the sole source information provided.

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 TERMS: Upon City Council approval, this agreement shall begin upon execution and expire one year from that date.

This project is located in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a publicly-traded business entity or a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly-traded business entity: Teledyne FLIR Incorporated

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the 2022 HSGP Special Response project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution 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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