

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13PCOOP BB 627-20 SPOT ENTERPRISE MOBILE ROBOT TD PD

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a Purchase Agreement with Flymotion, LLC for a Spot Enterprise Mobile Robot Including Maintenance, Repairs, and Upgrades for the Special Weapons And Tactics Team in the Amount of \$262,878.00 and Authorize One Consecutive One-Year Renewal Option for the Same Annual Amount Using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract 627-20 for the Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a purchase agreement with Flymotion, LLC for a Spot Enterprise mobile robot including maintenance, repairs, and upgrades for the Special Weapons And Tactics Team in the amount of \$262,878.00 and authorize one consecutive one-year renewal option for the same annual amount using BuyBoard cooperative contract 627-20 for the Police Department.

DISCUSSION:

In August 2022, the Police Department contacted the Purchasing Division to enter into an agreement with Flymotion, LLC under BuyBoard Contract No. 627-20, for a Spot® Agile Mobile Robot. The robot will be used by the Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team in the event there is a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or when lives are in danger. The robot will have the capability to enter a structure or an area that has been damaged and see if there is anyone in need of assistance. The robot has arms with cameras allowing the SWAT Team to better assess the situation and quickly determine the necessary approach.

The amount shall also cover any future maintenance, repairs or hardware reliability upgrades the mobile robot may need so it can continue to complete its tasks as optimally expected.

BuyBoard Contract No. 627-20 has a term through November 31, 2022. The Request for Offer for BuyBoard Contract No. 627-20 was published on February 12, 2020, and responses were opened on June 4, 2020. BuyBoard contracts offer fixed discounts. Staff reviewed the pricing and determined it to be fair and reasonable.

Funding is budgeted in the Cap-Out Equipment account in the Fire Department's Public Safety Grant Project for Award 3419804 2020 UASI within the Grants Operating Federal Fund and in the Other Contractual Services account within the Crime Control & Prev Distr Operating Fund for Fiscal Year 2023. While the purchase will be used by the Police Department, the UASI grant has been awarded to the Fire Department. The Police & Fire Departments will be managing the availability of funds for this purchase.

This Agreement may be renewed for up to one additional one-year term, in accordance with the terms of the BuyBoard Contract. Should BuyBoard elect to exercise the renewal option, the City will do the same.

State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchase agreement satisfies any state law requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. BuyBoard contracts are competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities across the State of Texas.

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 and upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget, as appropriated, in the Crime Control & Prev Distr Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and award of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Fire and Police Departments have the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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