

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13PCOOP MEDICAL GEAR AR PD

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Cooperative Agreement with Altitude Technologies, Inc. dba Chinook Medical Gear in an Annual Amount Up to \$181,000.00 for Medical Gear for the Police Department Using General Services Administration (GSA) Contract No. GS-07F-5989R

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a Cooperative Agreement with Altitude Technologies, Inc. dba Chinook Medical Gear in an annual amount up to \$181,000.00 for the Police Department using GSA Contract No. GS-07F-5989R.

DISCUSSION:

The Police Department approached the Purchasing Division to procure medical gear using General Services Administration (GSA) Contract No. GS-07F-5989R. The agreement will be utilized to purchase medical equipment and supplies such as individual first aid kits which are issued to all officers through the Tactical Medic Unit. This will allow officers to provide initial first aid to the general public.

Staff recommends awarding to Altitude Technologies, Inc. dba Chinook Medical Gear using GSA Contract No. GS-07F-5989R. No guarantee was made that a specific amount of these goods will be purchased. Staff reviewed the pricing and found it to be fair and reasonable.

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

The agreement is based on GSA Contract No. GS-07F-5989R. 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 purchase of the items. GSA contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities.

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.

This agreement will end on August 7, 2025 to correspond with the term of the GSA cooperative contract.

In the event that a cooperative agreement is not renewed, staff would cease making purchases at the end of the last purchase agreement coinciding with the valid cooperative agreement. If the City Council were to not appropriate funds for a future year, staff would cease making purchases when the last appropriation expires, regardless of whether the then-current purchase agreement has expired. If the cooperative contract is extended, this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) authorizes the City to purchase similar products and services under the extended contracts. If the cooperative contract is not extended, but a new cooperative contract is executed with Altitude Technologies, Inc. dba Chinook Medical Gear with substantially similar terms as the previous cooperative contract, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase the services under the new cooperative contract.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the purchase agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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