

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35SOLE SOURCE - MERIDIAN RAPID DEFENSE GROUP

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Purchase of Anti-Vehicle Barriers from Meridian Rapid Defense Group, in the Amount Up To \$230,438.90 to Provide Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Facilities Protection, Funded by the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Using a Sole Source Contract for the Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of anti-vehicle barriers from Meridian Rapid Defense Group, in the amount up to \$230,438.90 to provide critical infrastructure and key resources facilities protection, funded by the Urban Area Security Initiative grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, using a Sole Source contract for the Police Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Police Department (PD) will use the anti-vehicle barriers to prevent a vehicle from being able to crash into Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources facilities and large crowds. The barriers can be deployed during special events when the likelihood of a terrorist incident is higher due to significance of the event and the large gathering. The barriers are mobile and can be deployed immediately with staff.

Meridian Rapid Defense Group, LLC, is the sole source equipment creator, manufacturer and patent holder of the Archer 200 Barrier, the Archer 1200 Trailer Barrier Kit, and the Archer Beam Gate, thus not subject to competitive bidding requirements.

FUNDING: The maximum amount allowed under this agreement will be \$230,438.90 and the annual department allocation for this agreement is:

Department	Amount	Account
Police	\$230,438.90	Grant Fund - HSGP-UASI-2022 -Enhancing Protection of Targets

Funding is budgeted in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the purpose of funding the 2022 HSGP LETPA 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.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that the funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the 2022 HSGP LETPA project to support the approval of above recommendation and execution of a sole source agreement. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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