City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/15/24 **M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 24-0888

LOG NAME: 36SIM TABLE SOLE SOURCE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Purchase of a Simulation Table, Associated Software, Support, and Maintenance from Simtable LLC, in an Amount Up to \$102,965.00 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 a simulation table, associated software, support, and maintenance from Simtable LLC, in an amount up to \$102,965.00 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 a simulation table, associated software, and support. The table is designed for tabletop scenarios to train operations responders and incident commanders for the response to a variety of all-hazard incidents such as hazardous materials releases, flooding, and wildfires. The table can also be used to pre-plan responses to target hazards by law enforcement and specialty teams.

Simtable, LLC is the sole source equipment manufacturer and vendor of this technology, thus not subject to competitive bidding requirements.

This project was approved for a waiver per the Chapter 252 exemption, as a sole source by the Legal Department. Therefore, the business equity goal requirement is not applicable.

The maximum amount allowed under this agreement will be \$102,965.00 and is budgeted in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the purpose of funding the 2023 UASI - Special Response project, as appropriated. This is for the one-time purchase of the hardware and software and a 5-year support and maintenance plan. No renewals are required.

This project is located in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the Grants Operating Federal Fund for the 2023 UASI - 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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