

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13PHIGH WATER RESCUE 6804 PMD LSJ

SUBJECT

Authorize the Purchase of One High Water Rescue Truck from General Body Manufacturing Co., d/b/a General Truck Body for the Fire Department in an Amount Up to \$178,659.28 Using Grant Funds and a GoodBuy Cooperative Contract (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of one high water rescue truck from General Body Manufacturing Co., d/b/a General Truck Body for the Fire Department in an amount up to \$178,659.28 using grant funds and GoodBuy Cooperative Contract No. 20 8F000.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department (Fire) approached the Purchasing Division for assistance with buying one fire truck that will be used to transport emergency responders to areas with difficult access from either terrain or high water. The all-terrain vehicle is equipped to haul or tow equipment as well as transport individuals in wheelchairs or hospital beds out of danger areas. Fire obtained two cooperative quotes and one no bid for the fire rescue unit for cost comparison between high water rescue unit vendors. Below is a summary of the quotes received.

Vendor	Cooperative Contract	Cost
General Body Manufacturing Co., d/b/a General Truck Body	Goodbuy Cooperative Contract	\$178,659.28
Siddons-Martin Emergency Group	Buyboard Contract	\$231,500.00

Staff recommends awarding the purchase of one Acela Monterra 6X6 Chassis Cab rescue truck from General Body Manufacturing Co. d/b/a General Truck Body based on lowest bid meeting all specifications. The unit will be an addition to the fleet and is expected to operate satisfactorily during its service life of 10 years. The unit has a one (1) year bumper to bumper warranty. The warranty information, the manufacturer's Statement of Origin and the original sales invoice will accompany the new unit upon delivery to the Fire Service Center located at 2920 West Bolt Street.

This purchase is funded by the Homeland Security Grant Program - Urban Area Security Initiative 2018 (UASI) Grant. The new unit will be used for all council districts to enhance the City of Fort Worth's homeland security. (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

PRICE ANALYSIS - There is no previous purchase history for a unit with these specific configurations; however the annual operational cost should not exceed \$1,000.00 yearly. Staff has reviewed the pricing and found it to be fair and reasonable based on current market values.

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.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE - 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 item. Goodbuy Contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of local government entities across the State of Texas.

M/WBE OFFICE - An M/WBE goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or other public entity.

DELIVERY - The new unit will be delivered within 45 days after receipt of a purchase order.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation, funds are available in the current budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. 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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