

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/31/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0906

LOG NAME: 04TACTICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT 5G MOBILE TELECOM SYSTEM UPGRADE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a One-Time Sole Source Purchase Agreement with Tactical Support Equipment, Inc., in an Amount Up to \$313,300.00 for a Mobile Cell Phone Tracking System Upgrade for the Fort Worth Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a one-time sole source purchase agreement with Tactical Support Equipment, Inc., in an amount up to \$313,300.00 for a mobile cell phone tracking system upgrade for the Fort Worth Police Department through the Information Technology Solutions Department.

DISCUSSION:

On December 1, 2020 the City Council approved Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) 20-0865 to award Request For Proposal 20-0214 to Tactical Support Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$600,100.00 for a one-time purchase of a mobile cell phone tracking system. The one-time purchase in 2020 included three years of support and maintenance.

With this M&C, staff requests that the City Council authorize a sole source agreement for a one-time purchase of a mobile cell phone tracking system upgrade. This upgrade enables the Nyxcell Mobile Telecommunications Twelve Radio 5G System, capable of use with 5G Non-Standalone (NSA), 5G Standalone (SA) phones, and includes three years of support and warranty.

The Police Department utilizes the equipment in conjunction with information obtained by legal demand to locate wireless devices in violent felony charges, as well as, suicidal and homicidal persons throughout the region. Furthermore, the equipment aids in the investigations at the local, state and federal levels. As technology changes through time, the ability to locate devices also change, therefore the need to update equipment changes. These radios are software defined to specifically locate cellular devices.

Tactical Support Equipment, Inc. is the documented sole source provider of the mobile cell phone tracking system upgrade.

Funding is budgeted in the ITS Other General Government Department's ITS Capital Fund for the purpose of funding the FY23 5G Upgrade for Comm Equip project, as appropriated.

DVIN: 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 of agreement by the Assistant City Manager and expire 12 months after execution. The agreement will be for a one-time purchase.

This project will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the ITS Capital Fund for the FY23 5G Upgrade for Comm Equip project to support the approval of the above recommendation and authorization of the purchase agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Information Technology Solutions has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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