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**Project Lifesaver International Equipment and Supplies**

**Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of Project Lifesaver International equipment and supplies by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Project Lifesaver International for the purchase of equipment and supplies for the term of two years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to one, one-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

**Staff Resource(s):**

Johnny Jennings, Police  
Joel McNelly, Police

**Sole Source Exemption**

- NC General Statute Section 143-129(e)(6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
  - Performance or price competition are not available;
  - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
  - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole source is necessary because Project Lifesaver International is the only vendor capable of supplying the equipment and supplies that are compatible with the tracking program currently used by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department’s (CMPD) Missing Person Unit.
- The City Council approval is required for purchases made under the sole source exemption.

**Explanation**

- Project Lifesaver is a search and rescue program operated by public safety agencies, including CMPD, and is strategically designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering.
- The program supplies equipment and uses radio frequency technology to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition.
- Price adjustments for renewal terms may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$70,000.

**Charlotte Business INclusion**

This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Grants Fund