

## Legislation Text

---

File #: 15-22670, Version: 1

---

### **Replacement Protective Bomb Suit Ensemble**

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of a protective bomb suit ensemble by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Med-Eng for the purchase of a protective bomb suite ensemble for the term of one year, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to four, one-year renewal terms 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  
Michael Harris, 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 sourcing is necessary because the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department has standardized the bomb suit ensemble across the unit.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's Bomb Unit currently owns five bomb suit ensembles that provide the bomb technicians with ballistic and fragmentation protection when performing render safe procedures, analysis, and disposal activities.
- Each bomb suit must comply with the Public Safety Bomb Suit Standard and National Institute of Justice Standard and must be replaced every five years to maintain performance and safety standards.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$44,000.

#### **Charlotte Business INCLUSION**

This is a sole source contract and is exempt from the CBI Program.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant