

Legislation Text

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Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Specialized Equipment Truck

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of a customized Police Command Bomb Truck from a cooperative contract,**
- B. Approve a unit price contract with Super Vacuum Manufacturing Co Inc through Atlantic Coast Fire Trucks for the purchase of a customized Police Bomb Truck and related equipment for a term of two years under the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Program (H-GAC Contract FS12-19 Public Services 19-01178), and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for additional terms as long as the cooperative contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contact.**

Staff Resource(s):

Johnny Jennings, Police
Dave J. Johnson, Police

Explanation

- This special service vehicle is needed for bomb squad related operations.
- The city's current has a bomb truck has reached the end of its lifecycle and needs to be replaced. The current truck is over 20 years old and has multiple mission critical items that are broken or unserviceable.
- The type of truck that is proposed for purchase comes with numerous safety features that are not available on other similar types of vehicles. This type of truck comes with more standard safety features, rollover protection, is more durable, and is specifically designed for this purpose.
- This truck will serve as a mode of transportation to bring multiple bomb technicians to an incident scene as well as a place to store, transport, and use specialized equipment that is needed on a bomb squad operation that are not able to be carried within a bomb technician's assigned department vehicle.
- This vehicle will also service as a location to conduct a variety of duties needed during a typical bomb squad operation, such as x-ray processing and interpretation, robot operation, and rehabilitation for personnel on hot and cold days.
- This vehicle will be a regional asset that will serve not just Charlotte and Mecklenburg County but also the other 10 counties within the UASI region and other counties where CMPD currently is the primary bomb squad response unit.
- NC General Statute Section 143-129(e)(3) allows local governments to purchase from formally organized cooperative purchasing contracts.
- A cooperative purchasing agreement results from the consolidation and competitive solicitation of multiple public agency requirements. By aggregating common needs all agencies are able to leverage economies of scale, such as volume discounts, improved terms and conditions, reduced administrative costs, and access to professional and technical expertise.
- Expenditures are estimated to be \$1,000,000.

Charlotte Business INclusion

These are cooperative purchasing contracts and are exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INClusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: Asset Forfeiture and General Grants Fund