

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Police Bomb Squad and SWAT Equipment

### Attachments:

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## Police Bomb Squad and SWAT Equipment

### Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of Police Bomb Squad and SWAT equipment, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S 143-129 (e)(6),**
- B. Approve a contract with ADS for the purchase of Police Bomb Squad and SWAT Equipment for the term of one year, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to four, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

### Staff Resource(s):

Kerr Putney, Police  
Steven Brochu, Police

### Sole Source Exemption

- G.S. 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 for this contract because there is only one supply source.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exception.

### Explanation

- The mission of the Bomb Squad and Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is to preserve life in high-risk situations through the use of specialized training, equipment, and tactics.
- In line with the new and current law enforcement practice of using digital bomb detection devices, CMPD Bomb Squad desires to implement a digital Nano bomb detection device that produces quicker results limiting exposure to the bomb technician, increases diagnostic accuracy, and allows multiple technicians to view and diagnose a suspected device simultaneously.
- CMPD Bomb Squad/SWAT Team also needs to acquire a small robot that can travel throughout a structure remotely. The proposed purchase of the new ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot will provide the CMPD with the ability to remotely manipulate a suspicious package, locate and negotiate with an armed suspect, and conduct searches.
- The estimated cost of three Nano bomb detection devices and one Robot is \$198,727.

- CMPD Bomb Squad/SWAT Team requires individual tool kits for use with hazardous devices and active shooter breaching tools for response to active violence events. Estimated expenditures for these tools is \$85,000 and will be obtained by informal solicitation.
- These purchases are approved and funded by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of the North Carolina Emergency Management through the 2017 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant.

**Charlotte Business INclusion**

This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: 2017 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant