

AGENDA



Thursday, May 15, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 12**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with HAGEMEYER NORTH AMERICA, INC., Coppell, TX for the purchase of mass casualty shelters and personal protective equipment for the Emergency Medical Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$124,778.77.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Public Safety and Emergency Management Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund through the Fiscal Year 2006 Metropolitan Medical Response System grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. No local match required.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer, 974 2035

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a cooperative purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and mass casualty management supplies. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has always been an issue for the Emergency Medical Services Department due to the inherent nature of being exposed to bodily fluids from patients. Since September 11, 2001, EMS personnel have become an integral part of the response to Hazardous materials and terrorist incidents. Specialized response units have been identified and personnel trained and equipped to assist in these events.

However, the majority of EMS personnel do not have adequate respiratory protection against a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive (CBRNE) incident. In the event of a major incident involving a CBRNE agent, more specialty resources will be needed than will be available. Every responder may be asked to perform under situations that require an advanced form of respiratory protection. The items being requested are the Millennium CBRN gas mask paired with the CBRN filter cartridge and the Responder Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPAR) with 2 CBRN filter cartridges.

Specialized shelters can be quickly deployed to provide a private, secure, and controlled working environment with climate control, hot water, and lighting. These shelters can be used for injured, non-injured, and/or decontaminated victims as well as a command post at a major incident. These shelter will also be available to enhance coverage options EMS can provide at large gatherings and outdoor events.

This purchase includes two shelters. One is designed as a field hospital, and the other is a multi-purpose decontamination, command post and un-injured/rehabilitation shelter. An air conditioner and lights will be included with each shelter, while the heating system and water heater will be shared between the two.

These items will be purchased with the Metropolitan Medical Response System grant funds from the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

This cooperative purchasing program was established as a national structure for local government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power. Hagemeyer North America, Inc is under contract with U.S. Communities to supply these items as a result of a competitive bidding process issued by the County of Fairfax, Fairfax, Virginia.