



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1826, **Agenda Item #:** 30.

6/6/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., to purchase hazardous material detection devices, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$126,310.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$126,310 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget of the Management Services Department.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the Austin Fire Department (AFD) with a supply of AreaRAE gas monitoring equipment used to detect, locate, quantify, identify, and mitigate chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive hazardous material incidents. AFD currently maintains an inventory of RAE system monitoring equipment as part of a regional interoperable system identified by the Regional Standardization, Equipment, and Training Committee's equipment standardization list. This monitoring equipment communicates remotely with the system currently utilized by AFD, regional hazardous material teams, and the 6th Civil Support Team. Standardization of equipment and training is critical with the joint agency/regional mutual aid response model.

The gas monitoring equipment is available through the Houston-Galveston Area Council cooperative, which establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's

volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

The purchase of this properly calibrated and up to date monitoring equipment will allow AFD to respond to and mitigate hundreds of hazardous conditions and materials incidents annually.