



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Authorize purchase from FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc, as grant fiduciary for Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA), for replacement hazardous materials identification tool in the amount of \$68,551.00.

PRESENTER: Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

Consider authorization of a purchase from FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for a replacement hazardous materials identification tool in the amount of \$68,551.00.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This purchase will be for a replacement hazardous materials identification tool to be housed on the Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) HazMat 22 unit located at Fire Station 3. This unit allows fire department personnel to identify the chemical(s) involved in a hazardous materials response in a timely and accurate manner. The outgoing tool on HazMat 22 is no longer supported by the vendor and also uses outdated technology. After researching replacement equipment, it was determined that the Smiths Detection HazMatID Elite is the best choice to replace the existing tool. The HazMatID has components included with it that no other manufacturer or company provides. FarrWest Environmental Supply is the sole source provider for Smiths Detection in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado. This new tool will bring the NEFDA HazMat 22 unit up to date with the latest technology which will improve the speed and accuracy of chemical identifications.

The hazardous materials identification tool will be purchased with \$50,000 from the 2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant and the remaining will be covered by NEFDA funds. NRH will administer the grant for NEFDA as required by North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and house the equipment. No NRH funds will be used for the purchase of this equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

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