



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorize the purchase of 10 Bullard QXT Thermal Imagers from Metro Apparatus Specialists, Inc., to replace current imagers that have reached end of service life using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract No. 698-23, in the amount of \$54,152.

PRESENTER: David Rainwater, Assistant Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

Authorize the purchase of 10 Bullard QXT Thermal Imagers to replace current imagers that have reached end of service life for \$54,152 using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract 698-23.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The North Richland Hills Fire Department is replacing the current thermal imaging cameras because they have reached their end of service life. The current imagers are no longer serviceable. The thermal imager is a critical tool on the fire ground that saves lives. This device allows for crews to rapidly search for victims, and identify high heat and fire that may be obscured by the low visibility conditions of a structure fire. These tools have revolutionized the fire service and are an integral part of the effectiveness and safety of fire crews. This purchase will replace all 10 units that are on the front-line fire apparatus. The purchase will be made through Metro Apparatus Specialists, Inc., using BuyBoard Contract 698-23 for a total of \$54,152.00. The City of North Richland Hills is a member of several inter-local groups and utilizes existing contracts with vendors through Local Government Purchasing Cooperatives. The Local Government Code states that purchases made through a cooperative purchasing agreement satisfy any state law that would require the City to solicit competitive bids.

RECOMMENDATION:

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