



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorize purchase from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc. for a Gemini chemical analyzer and screener software utilizing the 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$85,255.00 through GSA contract GS-07F-6099R.

PRESENTER: Raelyn Darnell, Emergency Management Coordinator

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills has been awarded funds from the 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$85,255.00 for the purchase of a chemical analyzer. This equipment and its software are for the North East Fire Department Association (NEFDA) Hazardous Material (HazMat) Response team. City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-021 at the March 22, 2021 Council Meeting accepting the grant funds if awarded.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Northeast Fire Department Association is comprised of fourteen jurisdictions in Northeast Tarrant and Southern Denton counties. The cities in NEFDA are North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Haltom City, Hurst, Grapevine, Southlake, Colleyville, Keller, Watauga, Bedford, Euless, Roanoke, Westlake, and Trophy Club. This grant is for the NEFDA HazMat team. This purchase will diversify and enhance HazMat Bio Watch and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives (CBRNE) sampling, monitoring and response capabilities within the NEFDA response area. This item will be placed on the NEFDA HazMat team vehicle housed in North Richland Hills.

The grant requires no matching funds. Equipment will be purchased through GSA contract GS-07F-6099R. 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. Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc., is an approved vendor through the GSA Purchasing Contract No. GF-07F-6099R.

RECOMMENDATION:

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