



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager  
**DATE:** October 2, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the purchase of a Tactical Surveillance Robot from ICOR Technologies in the amount of \$60,071

**PRESENTER:** Rick Scott, Assistant Chief of Police

### **SUMMARY:**

The Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office has notified the Police Department that a maximum amount of \$59,590 has been awarded to the City of North Richland Hills under the 2017 CJD Criminal Justice Programs Competitive Grant #33514-01. The grant funds have been authorized for the Department's purchase of a tactical surveillance robot to be used by the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Currently, the only robots available are large cumbersome bomb robots operated by the fire department's hazmat team. Not only are they large and cumbersome, but they take a great deal of time to deploy at a scene with little surveillance capabilities. A remote-operated tactical surveillance robot will be purchased with the awarded grant funds and controlled by operators of the Police Department's SWAT team. In place of officers, the remote-operated tactical robot will be used to enter potentially hazardous situations to gather information and intelligence which can then be used by incident commanders to make quick, sound decisions on what actions to perform. These situations could range from armed suspects, barricaded subjects, hostage incidents, narcotics investigation surveillances and high risk warrant services. The system also includes a DVR system to record the incidents in which the robot is deployed.

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase a mini-caliber tactical surveillance robot from ICOR Technology (ICOR) in the amount of \$60,071. ICOR's contract number through the GSA Cooperative Purchasing Program is GS-07F-0430V and it includes the items being acquired through this transaction. The total amount of the grant award is \$59,590 and becomes effective October 1, 2017. There is no match requirement for this grant request through the Texas Governor's Office. The remaining \$481 will be funded through the Special Investigations Fund.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the purchase of a Tactical Surveillance Robot from ICOR Technologies in the amount of \$60,071.