

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2020

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39894 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO HAZMATID ELITE HANDHELD CHEMICAL IDENTIFIERS

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39894 with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. (FarrWest), Schertz, Texas for the purchase of two Smith's Detection HazMatID Elite (HazMatID) handheld chemical identifiers to replace the discontinued and unserviceable units currently being used by the Port Police Hazmat Unit.

The contract with FarrWest is outlined in Formal Bid Request Number F-1052. The total contract amount is \$179,141 including delivery, applicable taxes and the HazMatID 5-Year warranty which covers all parts and labor for the unit, software updates, loaner unit provided when a Port Police unit is in need of repair, and technical support. The contract also includes on-site training. This contract is the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Award and approve Contract No. 39894 to FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. for the purchase of two HazMatID Elite handheld chemical identifiers in the amount of \$179,141 inclusive of all applicable taxes and fees;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 39894 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Los Angeles Port Police Hazardous Materials Investigations Unit (HMIU) responds to incidents within the Port of Los Angeles (Port) involving accidental, or intentional, toxic industrial chemical (TIC) release and spills. HMIU also provides directed support in the areas of investigation, environmental monitoring and scene management for the safety, security and operational continuity of the Port.

The HMIU is responsible for prevention, planning and response support for chemical, biological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) incidents; utilizing mobile, diagnostic, and field-analytical equipment by hazardous materials technicians/specialists, trained and certified in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Section 2510-2560 and California Government Code 8574.19-23.

The Smiths Detection HazMat Elite Chemical Identifiers will be used to replace the HMIU's existing outdated and unserviceable field identification instruments to attain the above goals. The HMIU has utilized the predecessor device, HazMat 360 Chemical Identifier to mitigate, investigate and adjudicate numerous incidents within the Port terminals. These field analytical devices help to quickly identify unknown liquids and solids in less than one minute allowing for the safe and rapid return to normal terminal operations. The traditional method used is "wet chemistry", a 15 to 20-step field chemistry process which would often delay operations for hours. This initial identification allows the HMIU to begin working with terminal management and labor to assist in the planning and orchestration of proper cleanup methods to maintain levels of safety and facilitate the continued flow of terminal operations and commerce. It will also serve as the catalyst for investigations, beyond accidental releases, leading to criminal filings and prosecutions.

Selection Process – On March 8, 2019, Port Police submitted requisition Z-19-081 (ERP # 53219) to the Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) for the purchase of two HazMatID handheld chemical identifiers. CPD contacted Smiths Detection, the manufacturer of the HazmatID Chemical Identifier, and was informed that this equipment was only available through Smiths Detection's sole distributor, FarrWest. CPD made the determination that a competitive process under Charter Section 371 was not possible and a sole source purchase would be utilized. (Smiths Detection Sole Source Letter dated June 10, 2019 (Transmittal 3)).

On August 5, 2019, Bid No. F-1052 was sent to FarrWest as the sole distributor in California. FarrWest was given a submission deadline of August 27, 2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of Contract No. 39894 with FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. to purchase handheld chemical identifiers, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed

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action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed contract authorizes the purchase of two handheld chemical identifiers in the amount of \$179,141 including applicable taxes, and the HazMatID Elite 5-Year Partnership Program which covers each unit's free software updates, parts and labor, free loaner unit, and technical support.

Funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 within fiscal year in Account 13150 (Capitalized Equipment), Center 0412, Program 000 and are eligible for reimbursement under FY 2018 Port Security Grant Program. All funds will be expended in FY 2020.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the subject contract as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

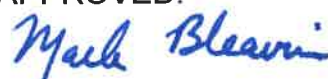
1. Contract No. 39894
2. Addendum No. 2 to Bid No. F-1052
3. Sole Source Letter from Smiths Detection
4. Letter of Intent from FarrWest

FIS Approval: mys
CA Approval: gm


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