

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor via City Secretary

RCA# 10423

Subject: Approve the Sole Source Purchase of Equipment for the Criminal Intelligence Division for the Houston Police Department S17-H25410

Category # 4

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Agenda Item

FROM (Department or other point of origin):

Calvin D. Wells
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Finance Department

Origination Date

March 23, 2014

Agenda Date

DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

A. R. DuRousseau

Council District(s) affected

All

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3/25/15

Date and Identification of prior authorizing Council Action:

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)

Approve the sole source purchase of electronic hardware equipment in the total amount of \$495,021.00 for the Houston Police Department.

Award Amount: \$495,021.00

Finance Budget

\$495,021.00 - Federal State Local - Pass Through Fund (5030)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Chief of the Houston Police Department and the City Purchasing Agent recommend that City Council approve the sole source purchase of electronic hardware equipment and that authorization be given to issue a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$495,021.00 to Harris Corporation for the Houston Police Department.

The contractor will be provide a system that consists of two pieces of electronic hardware and one laptop controller to interact with the system and the required software. This equipment will allow the surveillance of radio frequencies.

The Department's Criminal Intelligence Division is regularly called upon to assist other law enforcement agencies with critical incidents in the region. This equipment will allow the Department's Criminal Intelligence Division to keep up with cellular technology and will increase their ability to keep the region safe from those who wish to harm the community and will assist in preventing acts of terrorism. The products and services are proprietary to Harris Corporation.

This recommendation is made pursuant to Chapter 252, Section 252.022 (a) (7) "a procurement of items that are available from only one source" of the Texas Local Government Code for exempt procurements.

Hire Houston First

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance. Bids/proposals were not solicited because the department is utilizing a sole source contractor for this purchase.

Buyer: Murdock Smith III

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Department:

Other Authorization:

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Other Authorization: