



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date: 10/26/2021

District I

Item Creation Date: 10/5/2021

E30073 - Rigaku Handheld Identifier - MOTION (Farrwest Environmental Supply, Inc)

Agenda Item#: 6.

**Background:**

**S78 – E30073 – Approve spending authority for the purchase of Rigaku handheld chemical identifiers from Farrwest Environmental Supply, Inc. through the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) in the total amount of \$94,159.20 for the Public Safety and Homeland Security on behalf of the Houston Fire Department.**

**Specific Explanation:**

The Director of the Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve spending authority for the purchase Rigaku handheld chemical identifiers from **Farrwest Environmental Supply, Inc** through the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) in the total amount of **\$94,159.20** and that authorization be given to issue a purchase order for the Houston Fire Department (HFD).

This purchase consists of two (2) Rigaku handheld chemical identifiers to be used by HFD's Hazmat teams in multiple training exercises and real-world response scenarios. The chemical identifiers assist first responders in identifying potential threats and unknown compounds with results provided in less than a minute. HFD intends to standardize this equipment city-wide within its three (3) Hazmat teams. HFD currently has one (1) Rigaku handheld unit; with this purchase, HFD will be able to outfit the remaining two (2) Hazmat units. The vendor shall have 90 days to deliver the new equipment upon receipt of the purchase order.

This recommendation is made pursuant to subsection 271.102 (c) of the Texas Local Government Code, which provides that “a local government that purchases goods or services (from a cooperative purchasing program or organization) satisfies any state law requiring the local government to seek competitive bids for the purchase of the goods or services.

**M/WBE Participation:**

This procurement is exempt from the City's M/WBE subcontracting as the total project expenditure does not exceed the \$100,000.00 City's threshold.

**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 an Interlocal/Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for this purchase.

**Fiscal Note:**

No fiscal note is required on grant items.

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**Department Approval Authority**

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**Estimated Spending Authority**

Department	FY2022	Out Years	Total
Public Safety and Homeland Security	\$94,159.20	\$0.00	\$94,159.20

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

**\$70,619.40** - Federal Government Fund (5000)

**\$23,539.80** - Other Government Fund (5040)

**\$94,159.20** - Total

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Affidavit Ownership	Backup Material
Cooperative Purchase Justification	Backup Material
Tax Report	Backup Material
CPO Approved Email for Co-op Agreement	Backup Material
Form A - Funding	Backup Material
FarrWest Quotation	Backup Material
Grant Funding Verification . DW	Backup Material