



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date: 10/28/2015

S24029-A1 Fire Ground Communication Equipment- MOTION

Agenda Item#:

Background:

S36-S24029-A1 - Amend Council Motion 2012-0662, passed August 29, 2012, to increase the spending authority from \$631,616.70 to \$884,263.38 for fire ground communication equipment for the Houston Fire Department (HFD).

Specific Explanation:

The Chief of the Houston Fire Department and the City Purchasing Agent recommend that the City Council amend Council Motion 2012-0662 to increase the spending authority for fire ground communication equipment awarded to **Scott Technologies, Inc. dba Scott Safety** from **\$631,616.70 to \$884,263.38**. The current spending authority is insufficient for the remaining awarded term and an increase is required to meet the HFD's operational needs.

The HFD has recently seen an alarming increase in the failure rate of the mil-spec connectors. Due to the increase in the failure rate, more replacements have had to be issued. These replacements resulted in the spending authority being exhausted sooner than anticipated.

This award began September 4, 2012 for a thirty-six (36) month term with two (2), one (1) year options. Expenditures as of November 23, 2015 totaled \$631,395.70. All other terms and conditions shall remain as originally approved by City Council.

The award consists of fire ground communication equipment which includes speaker booms, voice amplifiers that are integrated into the face piece, brackets, external push-to-talk units, and mil-spec connectors that attach to the portable radios. The fire ground communication equipment enables fire crew members to communicate effectively between firefighters in extremely hostile environments.

Hire Houston First:

This procurement is exempt from the City's Hire Houston First Ordinance. Bids were not solicited because the Department requires these items to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents.

Attachment: M/WBE zero percent goal-document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity

Calvin D. Wells, City Purchasing Agent
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

Rodney C. West

Department Approval Authority Signature

Estimated Spending Authority

Department	FY16	Out Years	Total
Fire	\$99,688.37	\$152,958.31	\$252,646.68

Prior Council Action:

Council Motion No. 2012 0662, Passed August 29, 2012

Amount of Funding:

\$252,646.68 General Fund (1000)

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Description

Motion 2012 0662

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