

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Police
AGENDA DATE: January 11, 2011
CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Eric Shelton, Assistant Chief, 564-7301
Bruce D. Collins, Purchasing Director, 541-4313

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Council approval is needed to purchase one single purpose and five dual purpose police canines from Alderhorst International Inc., for \$58,720 dollars. This action does include an option to buy additional canines on an-as-needed basis over the next three years. This purchase is exempt as a sole source purchase under Local Government Code Section 252.022(a) (2) since it is necessary to procure the single and dual purpose police canines in order to protect the public health and safety of El Paso residents.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Historically single and/or dual-purpose dogs were procured on an as-needed-basis by an informal procurement process. The proposed process will streamline the sourcing process and afford PD the opportunity to test and purchase "on the spot" canines that pass our selection and evaluation process. All canines purchased must first pass the selection and evaluation process conducted by certified canine trainers of the EPPD to ensure the canine has the proper drive and temperament for service with the EPPD. Therein ensuring the City of El Paso the opportunity to select and procure the best available canines for deployment into service.

Five (5) dual purpose police canines will be deployed to the Canine Unit and one (1) single purpose canine to the Narcotics Unit to replace deceased canines, or canines that have been transferred with their handler to another canine assignment within the Department, or canines which have been retired due to age or medical condition. Currently, the Canine Unit is staffed with two canine teams as opposed to seven due to attrition of canines and the Narcotics Unit has one canine that is old and needs to be retired. Canine teams provide operational support through narcotic searches and patrol functions such as subject searches in buildings or areas, tracking, article searches and searches for missing persons.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

No prior Council action has been taken as purchases of police narcotic and/or patrol utility canines have not been made in this quantity.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: Confiscated Funds—21150060 – 16371 – 508013 – P500231

The estimated total amount is \$58,720.00 with the option to make future purchases on an as-needed basis for the next three years.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

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TO: Bruce D. Collins, Purchasing Manager
Deniese Baisley, Procurement Analyst

FROM: Gregory Allen, Chief of Police

DATE: December 29, 2010

RE: Purchase of Police Canines, Confiscated Funds

The El Paso Police Department (EPPD) recommends purchasing police canines through Alderhorst International, Inc., 3951 Vernon Ave., Riverside, CA 92509. The police canines will be assigned to handlers of the Canine Unit for support of operations in narcotic detection and patrol utility functions as replacements of canines due to transfer of canine handlers to other canine assignments, expiration of canines, or retirement due to age or medical condition. EPPD is utilizing confiscated funds for an initial purchase of one single purpose (narcotic detection) and five dual-purpose (narcotic detection and patrol) canines for an estimated amount of \$58,720.00 under the health and safety exemption. Additional purchase orders will be issued on an as-needed for the next three years.

The following are the factors used to evaluate the use of this procurement program as the best approach:

1. Is there an urgent need for the product/services? In other words, is time of the essence?

Yes. Currently the Canine Unit is staffed with two canine teams as opposed to seven due to attrition of canines and the Narcotic Unit has one canine that is old and needs to be retired. Canine teams provide operational support through narcotic searches and patrol functions such as subject searches in buildings or areas, tracking, article searches and searches for missing persons.

Historical methods of requisition-first and test later did not yield the efficiencies of quantities, timeliness, and quality of canines to maintain the ultimate levels deployment within the teams.

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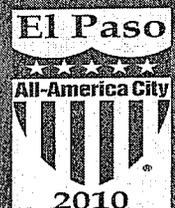
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2. Does the purchase through the Program promote the standardization of equipment?

This is not a purchase through a Program. However, this purchase will promote the standardization of operations by ensuring availability of a canine when needed.

3. Does the purchase through the Program support local business? If not, is there a comparable product/service available locally?

No. There are no vendors locally that provide police canines.

4. Do the available vendors have prior work experience and/or familiarity with the City?

The vendor has 34 years of experience and has worked with over 500 law enforcement agencies but has never worked with the City of El Paso.

5. Is the pricing reasonable as compared to other similar products/work performed for the City of El Paso in the pas or as quoted from other companies?

The pricing is reasonable as compared to other vendors throughout the nation for trained dual- and single-purpose canines based on quotes previously received.