

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

DEPARTMENT: Police

AGENDA DATE: January 25, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Eric Shelton, Assistant Chief of Police, Police Department (915) 564-7309
Bruce Collins – Purchasing Manager (915) 541-4313

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

The El Paso Police Department requests City Council approval to issue a purchase order to Advanced Security Contractors, Inc., a contractor under the Region 19 Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #09-6356, for the purchase and installation of the Hirsch Access Control System to include all software, hardware, electronic components and cameras in order to upgrade to the newest standards for access control systems.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The El Paso Police Department needs to upgrade the access control system at all Regional Commands, Police Headquarters and at the Police Academy to the newest standards. A Hirsch access control system, installed and serviced by Advanced Security Contractors, is currently used at city facilities like City Hall and the Property Office. This purchase and subsequent installation will bring all access control systems under one vendor, making it more reliable, easier to service and cost effective.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

No.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Department: Police
Amount: \$237,546.99
Funds Available: Dept #21150002 - Acct #502225 - Fund #05374 - Grant/Project #G211135
Funds Source: Operation Border Security Grant /Criminal Justice Division Funds

Budget Transfer in process.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A.

*****AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

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To: Bruce Collins, Purchasing Manager

From: Police Chief Greg Allen

Date: December 08, 2010

Re: Replace Diamond II access control system with the Hirsch Electronics Corporation access control system upgrade.



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

Yes, the current access control system in place is Diamond II and this system is now obsolete. Parts and service is difficult to find as parts are no longer made for Diamond II. The Department has all its access control on Diamond II and has been having problems with the system crashing. It is currently only installed on one computer hard drive as it cannot be installed on another due to its software being obsolete. Should this system completely crash beyond repair the Department's access control system will be lost.

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

Yes, the Hirsch access control system is being partially used at some locations, Fusion Center, City Hall, Property Office and the 911 Center, and as the Diamond II panels break down they are being replaced with Hirsch panels. This upgrade will bring the whole Department under one access control system instead of on two different systems. Both systems are not compatible and problems occur during use which will lead to a complete system crash. The standardization to a complete Hirsch access control system will eliminate that possibility. This is the Enterprise Solution that City IT has deemed to utilize for the City Of El Paso.

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

Yes, Advanced Security Contractors, Inc. is located in the City Of El Paso at 135 Rio West El Paso, Texas 79932.

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

Yes, Advanced Security Contractors, Inc. is certified in the Hirsch Velocity System by Hirsch Electronics Corporation and was used to install and currently maintains the existing Hirsch panels at the above mentioned locations.

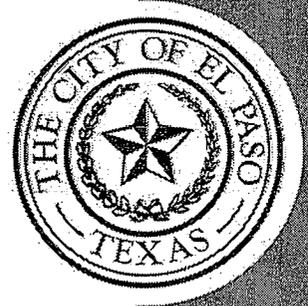
5. Is the pricing reasonable as compared to other similar products/work performed for the City of El Paso in the past or as quoted from other companies?

Price reasonableness has been established because the cooperative purchasing agency used a competitive bidding process in the awarding of the contract.



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TO: Police Chief Greg Allen via chain of command

FROM: Sgt Raul Arturo Perez 1715

DATE: January, 13th, 2011

RE: Access Control Conversion from Diamond II to Hirsch Velocity

The Homeland Security Unit is currently working on replacing the outdated and obsolete Diamond II access control system and upgrade to the Hirsch Electronics Corporation access control system using Border Security Grant FY10 #G211135 funding.

It is recommended that a purchase order be issued to **Advanced Security Contractors, Inc (ASC)** 135 Rio West El Paso, Texas 79932 who was selected or awarded by Education Service Center Region 19 CO-OP Contract # 09-6356 for the purchase and installation of the Hirsch Electronics Corporation access control system to include all software, hardware, electronic components and cameras in order to replace the now obsolete Diamond II access control system. The Hirsch access control system upgrade will be installed at all the regional commands to include the Leon Center, Police Headquarters and the Police Academy. The Police Academy will also have an access control front gate installed similar to the gates at the regional commands. It should be noted that the Diamond II access control system is currently overloaded and will soon fail.

The Hirsch access control system upgrade will be programmed into the existing Hirsch access control system currently being used at City Hall, the 911 Center, the Fusion Center and the Property Office. Advanced Security Contractors, Inc. installed and currently maintains the Hirsch access control system at these locations.

The replacing of the Diamond II system will allow the City and the Department to run its access control under one up to date system instead of two different systems. This upgrade will greatly enhance the security measures at the described locations.

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EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 19
RFP AWARD SUMMARY

RFP TITLE: Electronic Surveillance & Locking Systems- ESC Region 19 Purchasing Cooperative
RFP NUMBER: 09-6356
RFP OPENING DATE: February 6, 2009
CONTRACT TERM: Date of award until March 31, 2011 with the option to extend in 24 month increments not to exceed 72 months in the aggregate
FUNDING SOURCE: ESC Region 19 School Zone
RFP's ISSUED: 14
RESPONSES: 4
ADVERTISEMENT DATES: January 18th & 25th, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: May 14, 2009

RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD: Advanced Security Contractors, Inc. (HUB)
CFI Security Inc.
SD Technologies (HUB pending as of 3/17/09)

TOTAL (estimated) \$1,000,000.00 (annually)

EXPLANATIONS:

Award of this contract will enable ESC Region 19 Purchasing Cooperative members and ESC Region 19 to procure materials, maintenance, and repair for both electronic surveillance systems and locking systems. Vendors that would not provide required references or other required documentation were not considered for award. A proposal from Learn Safe, a division of MDI, Inc. was not considered because the vendor did not have anyone living and working in El Paso, which will be an important part of servicing accounts locally.

SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY: Royce Cleveland
ESC Region 19 Purchasing

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