

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

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

AGENDA DATE: May 31, 2011

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Matthew S. Hiatt-Battalion Chief Special Operations,
(915)775-7324
Bruce D. Collins – Purchasing Manager, (915)541-4313

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

That the Purchasing Manager be authorized to issue Purchase Order (s) to W.W. Grainger, Inc. under the State of Texas Municipal Award Schedule (TXMAS) contract TXMAS 2-539030 in the estimated amount of \$427,722.19 for the purchase of Paratech Rescue Trailer Kits.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The goal is to bring the Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue team up to the job performance requirements of NFPA Standards and to meet the requirements as described by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and be able to provide through equipment allocation, training and regional collaboration the ability to provide self sustained operations for a minimum of 24 hours. The proposed equipment will allow the Fire Department to establish operational capabilities at a level to conduct technical rescue incident operations safely and effectively and enable the team to combine with Civil Support Teams, Texas Task Force and Fort Bliss Military Installation Fire Department for training and response. By approving the purchase of the equipment identified in the attached bid form. the City will be providing those tasked with managing a major emergency the technology tools needed to manage the incident more effectively.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

No prior action on this item.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

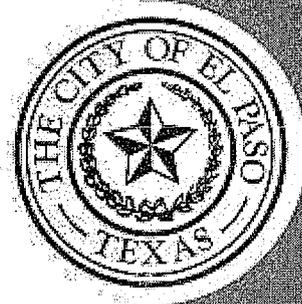
Amount: \$427,722.19
Fund: 07192
Dept ID: 22150024
Account: Various to include 401000 to 508999
Project: G221012

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____



MEMORANDUM

To: Bruce Collins, Purchasing Manager

From: Matthew S. Hiatt, Battalion Chief of Special Operations

Subject: Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS): use of Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) contract TXMAS-2-539030 (Rescue Trailers)

Date: May 11, 2011

The Fire Department recommends utilizing TXMAS contract TXMAS-2-539030 (Rescue Equipment) to issue Purchase Order(s) in the total amount of \$427,722.19 to W.W. Grainger, Inc., an Illinois based corporation with a local store front at 1400 Lomaland Dr. El Paso Tx. 79935 for the purchase of Mission Tender Trailers (Paratech Rescue Trailer Kits). 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/service? In other words, is time of the essence?

Yes, the investment justification which allowed the City of El Paso to be awarded the 2009 UASI USAR grant has specific project milestones for the acquisition of this equipment identified within it and they have already passed.

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

Yes, the Fire Department will continue to purchase such equipment to maintain a level of interoperability with other local, state and federal agencies.

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

Yes, the local distributor of W.W. Grainger, Inc. (1400 Lomaland Dr. El Paso Tx. 79935) has been used successfully for the procurement of equipment and by the Special Operations Division of the El Paso Fire Department. In a recent request to City Council the Fire Department requested approval to purchase supplies totaling \$110,163.13 and cited that W.W. Grainger Incorporated provided excellent service and competitively priced products deemed necessary by EPFD.

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

Yes, W.W. Grainger Inc. was used recently to purchase storage lockers and miscellaneous janitorial supplies.

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?

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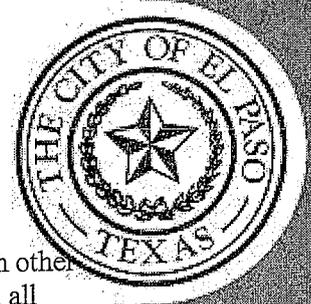
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Yes, this was obtained from a competitively bid solicitation and prices were compared with other similar equipment available from different manufacturers and these were more affordable when all things were considered (initial purchase, maintenance, replacement parts).

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

The participation by the City of El Paso in the Texas Procurement and Support Services (TPASS), State Contracts Program was approved by Mayor and City Council on February 27, 2007.

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