

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Police

**AGENDA DATE:** June 28, 2011

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Eric Shelton – Assistant Chief, Police Department (915)564-7310  
Bruce D. Collins – Purchasing Manager (915) 541-4313

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Request that the Purchasing Manager for Financial Services, Purchasing Division be authorized to issue a purchase order to Fisher Safety, a Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific under Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Contract No. EP11-06 for the total estimated amount of \$53,753.15 to purchase one First Defender RMX S1 handheld identification system with remote mode functionality for solids for the El Paso Police Department's Bomb Squad. This tool is designed to remotely enter engine compartments on vehicles suspected of being improvised explosive devices.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The El Paso Police Department's Bomb Squad will use this tool to aid in the identification of suspected vehicle improvised explosive devices. This tool will minimize the time the explosive ordinance disposal bomb technician takes to inspect these vehicles. The Bomb Squad uses these tools during calls to the ports of entry on suspected drug load vehicles being booby trapped.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

The funds were identified for this purpose in the FY 2011 Confiscated Funds Budget approved by City Council.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Department: Police  
Amount: \$53,753.15  
Funds Available: 21150060 - 508007 - 16371 - P500231  
Funds Source: FY2011 Confiscated Funds

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A.

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\*\*\*\*\*AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Bruce D. Collins, Purchasing Manager

From: Chief of Police Greg Allen

Date: June 15, 2011

Re: Purchase of Thermo Fisher Scientific Handheld Identification System under HGAC Contract  
No: EP11-06



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

No, currently the Bomb Squad does not have the capabilities that this product provides. The bomb squad conducts a render safe procedure based on the fact that they are dealing with an unknown improvised explosive or chemical mixture. The ability to gather real world information at the scene provided by this equipment will assist the bomb squad in determining better and safer procedures. So, as a piece of protective and/or necessary equipment, it would be prudent to purchase this equipment in a timely manner.

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

Yes, the purchase of this equipment does promote the standardization of equipment as this system is compatible with the bomb squad's Talon robot's radio and camera system. It can be deployed remotely by robot which is far safer for the bomb technician. This equipment does not connect to the City's servers and does not fall under IT Approval requirements.

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

No, the purchase of the hand held identification system does not promote local business as there is no comparable product or service available locally.

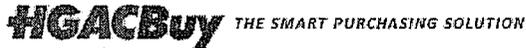
4. *Do the available vendors have prior work experience and/or familiarity with the City?*

Yes, the vendor does have a familiarity with the City as they have conducted a test & evaluation session for this particular piece of equipment with the bomb squad. The bomb technicians do have prior knowledge and experience with this piece of equipment.

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?*

The participation by the City of El Paso in the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Purchasing Program was approved by Mayor and City Council on May 8, 2007. The standard factors used to determine the use of a Cooperative Purchasing Program were approved by City Council on June 24, 2008.





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## EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Contract No.: EP11-06

Effective Date: November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2011

Following a competitive procurement process, **HGACBuy** and Fisher Safety have signed a two-year agreement that opens Fisher Safety's extensive product offering to **HGACBuy** members. Now your agency can have full access to over 75,000 products used by first responders/first receivers, homeland security, schools, utilities, public works - and many other agencies requiring general safety products.

**HGACBuy** has been assisting state and local government agencies - as well qualifying non-profit corporations\* in streamlining their procurement process for over thirty years. Fisher Safety has been assisting local, state, and federal agencies with their product procurement through their Quartermaster program for a number of years. Now your agency or jurisdiction can directly benefit from **HGACBuy** and Fisher Safety's combined procurement experience through this new two-year agreement:

- **Expedited procurement** - no more lengthy approval processes - get exactly what you want - simply specify manufacturer part number
- **Competitive pricing** - stretch your budget dollars even further by eliminating the bid process
- **Volume purchasing discounts** - inquire on how you can maximize your spending power
- **Convenient electronic access to your account and to over 75,000 products** - available through Fisher Safety's online catalog at [www.fishersafety.com](http://www.fishersafety.com)
- **Knowledgeable staff** - provides assistance at every level

Maximize the flexibility and ease of **HGACBuy** with Fisher Safety's extensive product offering to ensure that your end users have what they need - when they need it - at a price that works within your budget.

If you would like information on how your agency can benefit from this new agreement, contact:

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