



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2014

TITLE: Motion to award the purchase of an inventory control system radio
frequency identification (RFID) solution – Invitation to Bid (ITB) 742-11381
- \$120,899

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award the purchase of an inventory control system radio frequency identification (RFID) solution to the single, responsive and responsible bidder, Compdata Systems, Inc. d/b/a Silent Partner Technologies, utilizing the City's contract (Form P-0001) in the amount of \$120,899.

Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security awarded the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department \$281,693 in grant funding under the 2011 Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Grant Program. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) serves as the sub-granting agency for these funds. The project period for the award is October 1, 2011 – April 30, 2014. MMRS awards do not require a local cash match.

The MMRS program assists highly populated jurisdictions to purchase equipment for information and technology, personal protective equipment, medical equipment, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) operational search and rescue equipment, incident response vehicles and logistical support equipment to achieve the enhanced capability necessary to respond to mass casualty events.

The RFID solution will provide an asset and supplies inventory control system to the Fire Rescue Department. The benefits to purchasing this asset & supplies inventory control function are as follows: eliminate manual process of recording and entering inventory information; reduce errors; improve worker productivity; reduce paper costs; insure asset and supplies availability; improve purchase processes and reduce inventory shrinkage.

DBK Concepts was found non-responsive because their response did not provide a turnkey solution as required in the bid specifications and would require an additional server that was not included in their bid. Although DBK's response indicates that it can be run on a single computer, Information Technology Services Department does not agree with their recommendation and it would be necessary to set up an application server, database server and associated automated backups before using their system. The costs associated with this would be approximately \$2,500 for the application server, \$2,500 for the database server, and \$3,000 for the backup components. Another \$13,200 would be required to bring the mobile device count up to 24 to match the specifications.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$120,899 from grant funds.

<i>Funds available as of March 12, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
129-GMMRS13-6405/6405	FY11 MMRS Inventory Control System Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Solution	Capital Outlay/ Computer Equipment and Computer Software	\$120,899	\$120,899	\$120,899
				PURCHASE TOTAL ►	\$ 120,899

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

Goal 10: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.

Objective 1: Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive emergency management planning and disaster recovery.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation 742-11391

Exhibit 2 – Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Software License Agreement

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