



**PURCHASING ITEM
FOR
COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. Agenda Item Number:

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2. Council Meeting Date:

April 28, 2011

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

3. Date Prepared: March 22, 2011

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER

4. Requesting Department: Fire

5. SUBJECT: Approve the sole source purchase of portable chemical analyzers from Smiths Detection in an amount not to exceed \$78,404.

6. RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of the sole source purchase of portable chemical analyzers from Smiths Detection in an amount not to exceed \$78,404.

7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The City of Chandler has established a Fire/Police Rapid Response Team with federal funding from the State Homeland Security Grant program. This program helps to ensure that Fire/Police personnel are prepared and equipped to respond to large scale emergencies, terrorist events, and natural and/or man-made disasters. The Fire Department received 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding to purchase equipment to enhance Chandler's Rapid Response Team. This equipment includes the HazMatID 360 and Responder RCI Partnership Pac. The HazMatID 360 is a rugged, portable chemical analyzer that can identify a broad range of chemicals including unknown powders, WMDs, explosives, and toxic industrial chemicals. The Responder RCI is a rugged, portable solid and liquid chemical threat detector and can be configured to perform broad-range identification of over 15,000 substances. These analyzers will be used to identify unknown substances and hazardous materials which will help us to properly treat those who may have been exposed. This will greatly enhance our capabilities and improve our service delivery.

8. EVALUATION PROCESS: The Smiths Detection chemical analyzers are already used by the other cities in the Rapid Response Team (RRT). To maintain continuity and familiarity of the equipment used by the RRT, the Smiths Detection analyzers must be purchased. Smiths Detection is the sole manufacturer of these analyzers. There are no dealers or other organizations that are authorized to sell this equipment. Staff has determined that the pricing offered is fair and reasonable.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$73,404 will be paid from account 217.2210.0000.6419.FA1811 using 2010 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding. The remaining \$5,000 is available in the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials budget, account 101.2210.0000.5422.

10. PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve the sole source purchase of portable chemical analyzers from Smiths Detection in an amount not to exceed \$78,404.

APPROVALS

11. Requesting Department

Norm Germaine, Battalion Chief

12. Department Heads

Jeff Clark, Fire Chief

13. Procurement Officer

Cardlee Stees, CPPB

14. Acting City Manager

Rich Dlugas