



**PURCHASING ITEM
FOR
COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. Agenda Item Number:

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2. Council Meeting Date:
January 26, 2012

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

3. Date Prepared: January 4, 2012

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER

4. Requesting Department: Fire

5. SUBJECT: Approve the sole source purchase of Paratech trench rescue stabilization equipment from L. N. Curtis & Sons in an amount not to exceed \$56,718.

6. RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of the sole source purchase of Paratech trench rescue stabilization equipment from L. N. Curtis & Sons in an amount not to exceed \$56,718.

7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program is a federally funded grant program that provides homeland security funding to the top thirty urban areas (determined by population and risk assessment) in the country. The Phoenix metropolitan area is one of the urban areas identified as eligible for funding and has been receiving funds since 2004. The State of Arizona Homeland Security Initiative allocates UASI funding to fund Rapid Response Teams (RRT's) in Chandler, Glendale, Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe and Tucson. The RRT's consist of Police and Fire Department Special Response Teams that are trained and equipped to provide a local, and if needed, statewide first response for terrorist events (to include Weapons of Mass Destruction). Chandler has received a portion of this grant funding for this year. Chandler's Fire RRT needs to purchase additional equipment to complement its structural search and rescue component. Equipment and training for all RRT participants is standardized among the participants. The requested Paratech stabilization equipment is used for trench rescue and/or building collapse rescue situations.

8. EVALUATION PROCESS: Paratech stabilization equipment is already used by all the cities in their Rapid Response Teams. To maintain continuity and familiarity of the equipment used by the RRT's, the Paratech brand of stabilization equipment must be purchased by Chandler Fire. The equipment on this order will add to the extrication ensemble currently carried by Chandler's RRT. L. N. Curtis & Sons is the only distributor who can supply all of the needed equipment and is the only authorized trade-in and warranty evaluation center in Arizona.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The funding source for this purchase is the 2011 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. The \$56,718 is available in Fire's FY 11/12 budget line item 217.2240.5422.3FA811.

10. PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve the sole source purchase of Paratech trench rescue stabilization equipment from L. N. Curtis & Sons in an amount not to exceed \$56,718.

APPROVALS

11. Requesting Department

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Rob McLeod, Battalion Chief

12. Department Heads

Jeff Clark

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