OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION MAY 3, 2022 AGENDA

| Subject: | Action Required: | Approved By: |
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| An ordinance authorizing a contract with Tactical Electronics for the purchase of one (1) Improvised Explosive Device Custom Electronics Course for use by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad. | √ Ordinance Resolution | |
| Submitted By: | | |
| Emergency Management Division | | Bruce T. Moore City Manager |
| SYNOPSIS | An ordinance to authorize he City Manager to enter into a contract with Tactical Electronics for the purchase of one Improvised Explosive Device Custom Electronics Course for use by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad. | |
| FISCAL IMPACT | The amount of the course is \$70,000.00, and 100% of the funding is provided through the State Homeland Security Grant Program with no fiscal impact to the City of Little Rock. | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Approval of the ordinance | |
| BACKGROUND | The Emergency Management Division is committed to improving explosive ordinance disposal operations throughout the City. In order to accomplish this goal, the Emergency Management Division proposes the purchase of one (1) Improvised Explosive Device Custom Electronics Course for use by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad. Tactical Electronics is the sole provider of this training course, and therefore a sole-source purchase. | |

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

Since September 11, 2001, the City has become eligible for several Emergency Service Equipment/Training Grants, and these purchases are eligible items from those grants. This course is 100% Federally-funded through the Department of Homeland Security and Arkansas Division of Emergency Management. The custom course was approved specifically by both agencies, and therefore considered a sole-source purchase. The course will be open to Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad Technicians, as well as Bomb Technicians from the following accredited agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigations; Arkansas State Police; Bentonville Police Department; Conway Fire Department; El Dorado Police Department; and the Fort Smith Fire Department.