

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 8

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Janie B. Cantu, Director of Purchasing & General Services

SUBJECT: Fire Rescue Tools

DATE: August 11, 2005

**SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION**

This ordinance authorizes the Purchasing & General Services Department to accept the low responsive bid submitted by TNT Rescue Systems, Inc. to provide the City of San Antonio Fire Department with fire rescue tools for a total of \$52,560.00 from Urban Area Security Initiative Grant funds. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

A request for sealed bids was issued to purchase fire rescue tools for the City of San Antonio Fire Department. A total of four bids were received. The low responsive bid was submitted by TNT Rescue Systems, Inc. This bid was advertised in the Daily Commercial Recorder, La Prensa, the San Antonio Observer, the City of San Antonio Purchasing Website, Public Access Channel 21 and Demandstar.com.

Currently, the City of San Antonio Fire Department utilizes various tools for emergency rescues. The first rescue tools were introduced to the San Antonio Fire Department in 1975. These tools are commonly known as the "Jaws of Life". Although, the current tools support fire rescues in various situations, a need exists to provide tools that specifically support the goals of Homeland Security.

This contract will provide the City of San Antonio Fire Department with 3 sets of fire rescue tools to be utilized during fire and emergency rescue situations. Firefighters deal with severely injured victims during emergency rescue situations such as car wrecks, collapsed buildings, industrial accidents and forcible entry when needed. Therefore, efficient use of time is always a concern. The tools were evaluated by the Fire Department Tool and Equipment Committee members at Station 11 and were determined to be lighter, more powerful and faster to open and close providing for more efficient extrication. The hoses were more pliable than other brands, which reduces coiling and tangling of the hoses. The cutter blades were thicker than the other brands reducing the tendency of the tool to twist when cutting. The TNT tools completed the cut the first time when the other brands required multiple attempts. The pumps contain hydraulic fluid that maintains pressure for the tool that is fire resistant, electrically non-conductive, non-corrosive, and virtually non-toxic. The TNT tools will be placed in service to augment current rescue needs and address Homeland Security issues. The tools have a limited lifetime warranty of 25 years.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

In 2004, the City of San Antonio, Bexar County and Comal County received an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security used to address the unique needs of high threat and high density urban areas. The UASI grant will be utilized to fund planning, training, exercises, and purchase equipment to address critical mission areas including intelligence and warning, protecting critical infrastructure and emergency preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery while taking a regional/interoperable approach to emergency preparedness.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total cost of this contract is \$52,560.00. The funding will be from the Grants in Aid Trust Fund – Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY2004-2005 budget approved by City Council.

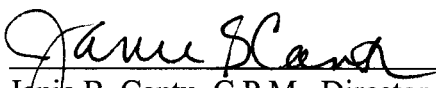
### **COORDINATION**

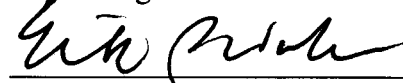
This item has been coordinated with the City of San Antonio Fire Department.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

This contract was developed utilizing the formal competitive bid process; therefore, an Ethics Disclosure Form is not required.

The City of San Antonio Purchasing Department advertises bids in the Daily Commercial Recorder, La Prensa, The San Antonio Observer, and the San Antonio Express-News. This office also advertises bids on Public Access Channel 21, the Purchasing Website and utilizes the services of Demandstar.com to notify registered vendors of City bids.

  
Janie B. Cantu, C.P.M., Director  
Purchasing & General Services

  
Erik J. Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager  
City Manager's Office

# City of San Antonio Bid Tabulation

		MLWN	FSWN	MLWN	FSWN
Opened: June 10, 2005		TNT Rescue Systems, Inc.	Apex Pinnacle	Municipal Emergency Services	Specialty Rescue & Fire Service
For: Fire Rescue Tools		2490 W. Oak Street	PO Box 449	3500 S. Richey Suite 170	P O Box 124
05-087 DR		Ashippun WI 53003	Port Crane NY 13833	Houston TX 77017	Grandview TX 76050
ITEM	DESCRIPTION				
1	3 Each - Hydraulic Pump			WITHDREW	
	Price Each	\$5,055.00	\$6,156.25	\$4,135.00	\$5,700.00
	Price Total	\$15,165.00	\$18,468.75	\$12,405.00	\$17,100.00
	Manufacturer	TNT Rescue Systems, Inc.	TNT Rescue Systems	Centaur	TNT
	Model No.	BT 6.5	BT-6.5	363C190	BT 6.5-RC
2A	6 Each - Twin Line Hose, 30 foot, Red				
	Price Each	\$665.00	\$677.21	\$560.00	\$595.00
	Price Total	\$3,990.00	\$4,063.26	\$3,360.00	\$3,570.00
	Manufacturer	TNT Rescue Systems, Inc.	TNT Rescue Systems	Centaur	TNT
	Model No.	EXTH-30-RED	EXTH-30-RED	353C188	EXTH-30
2B	6 Each - Twin Line Hose, 30 foot, Blue				
	Price Each	\$665.00	\$677.21	\$480.00	\$595.00
	Price Total	\$3,990.00	\$4,063.26	\$2,880.00	\$3,570.00
	Manufacturer	TNT Rescue Systems, Inc.	TNT Rescue Systems	Centaur	TNT
	Model No.	EXTH-30-BLU	EXTH-30-BLUE	353C189	EXTH-30
3	3 Each - Rescue Cutter				
	Price Each	\$4,525.00	\$5,493.75	\$3,302.00	\$3,700.00
	Price Total	\$13,575.00	\$16,481.25	\$9,906.00	\$11,100.00
	Manufacturer	TNT Rescue Systems, Inc.	TNT Rescue	Centaur	TNT
	Model No.	C-25	C-25	362C334	C-20
4	3 Each - Rescue Spreader				
	Price Each	\$5,280.00	\$6,437.50	\$5,486.00	\$5,725.00
	Price Total	\$15,840.00	\$19,312.50	\$16,458.00	\$17,175.00
	Manufacturer	TNT Rescue Systems, Inc.	TNT Rescue Systems	Centaur	TNT
	Model No.	S-100-32	S-100-32	362C331	S-100-32
	Terms	Net 30	Net 30	Net 30	Net 30
	Delivery	31 Days	45 Days	28 Days	30 Days
	Freight	Included	Included	Included	\$500.00
	Total for Items 1-4	\$52,560.00	\$62,389.02	\$45,009.00	\$53,015.00
	<b>Total Award</b>	<b>\$52,560.00</b>			