



**CITY OF PLANO
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

CITY SECRETARY'S USE ONLY				
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory				
Council Meeting Date:		2/14/11		
Department:		Purchasing		
Department Head		Diane Palmer-Boeck		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Aimee Storm Ext 7248				
CAPTION				
<p>A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Plano, Texas, authorizing the purchase of the Northrop Grumman Remotec F6B Bomb Robot from Remotec, Inc., a sole-source provider, in the amount of \$242,672 for use by the Plano Police Department; authorizing the City Manager or his/her authorized designee to take such action and execute such documents as necessary to effectuate the purchase; and providing an effective date.</p>				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATING EXPENSE <input type="checkbox"/> REVENUE <input type="checkbox"/> CIP				
FISCAL YEAR: 2010-11	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Budget	0	242,672	0	242,672
Encumbered/Expended Amount	0	0	0	0
This Item	0	-242,672	0	-242,672
BALANCE	0	0	0	0
FUND(S): GRANT FUND				
COMMENTS:				
<p>Approval of this item will result in \$242,672 in operating expenses from a 2010 UASI Homeland Security Grant. Funds received from this grant will be used by the City of Plano - Police Department to purchase a Northrop Grumman Remotec F6B Bomb Robot.</p> <p>STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Approval of expenses from this grant relates to the City's goal of a Financially Strong City with Service Excellence.</p>				
SUMMARY OF ITEM				
<p>Approval of this request in the amount of \$242,672 is made for the purchase of the Northrop Grumman Remotec F6B Bomb Robot. Remotec Inc., is the sole-provider of the F6B Bomb Robot.</p>				
List of Supporting Documents:		Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies		
Memo				
Resolution				



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 19, 2011
TO: Diane Palmer-Boeck, Chief Purchasing Officer
FROM: Greg Rushin, Chief of Police, Plano Police Department
SUBJECT: Name Brand Justification for F6B Bomb Robot

The Plano Police Department is requesting your approval to purchase a specific name brand item. We are planning to purchase a Northrop Grumman Remotec F6B Robot for our Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU). This robot is to be used with our Northrop Grumman Remotec HD 1 Bomb Disposal Robot, which was purchased through the 2006 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Homeland Security Grant. It will also be compatible with the Northrop Grumman Remotec Wireless Digital Controller purchased through the 2008 UASI Homeland Security Grant. This wireless controller utilizes a plug (connection) which is designed to fit both the HD1 and F6B Northrop Grumman Remotec robots. The Remotec F6B Robot is an approved project through the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program to be funded through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants (\$242,672.00).

This robot will be used by the department's Hazardous Device Unit to render safe and dispose of improvised explosive devices (IED), to include Vehicle Borne IED's, suicide bombers and other explosive related incidents. It also investigates HAZMAT and potential WMD incidents. The robot will be used to support tactical operations involving barricaded persons or hostage incidents to remotely deliver crisis phones to suspects or to provide surveillance and communication support through the use of its cameras and audio system. The robot will provide the Hazardous Device Unit and the Plano Fire Department's Hazmat team with the capability of remotely investigating potential CBRNE incidents prior to a technician responding downrange. The Plano Police Department Hazardous Device Unit has a gastight total containment vessel (TCV), and the robot provides the capability of remotely placing potential WMD items inside the TCV.

The Plano Police Department has the only Hazardous Device Unit in Collin County and provides Bomb Squad support to all jurisdictions within the County. The unit also provides support to jurisdictions in Grayson County which does not have a Bomb Squad within the County. The City of Plano's population is approximately 264,000, Collin County's population is approximately 800,000, and Grayson County's population is approximately 125,000. The department will consider any request for Bomb Squad support from any of the 95 agencies that are members of the North Texas Police Mutual Aid Agreement, or request from federal agencies (FBI/ATF) or the Texas Department of Public Safety for assistance outside the unit's geographical response area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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WHEREAS, the Plano Police Department will use the Remotec F6B Robot with the owned Northrop Grumman Remotec HD 1 Bomb Disposal Robot to respond to emergency incidents including multi-jurisdictional disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Northrop Grumman Remotec F6B Robot is compatible with the owned Northrop Grumman Remotec Wireless Digital Controller.

WHEREAS, Remotec Inc., is the sole-provider of the F6B Robot; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of the proposed purchase and all matters attendant and related thereto, the City Council is of the opinion that the purchase should be approved, and that the City Manager or his/her designee should be authorized to take such action and execute such documents as necessary to effectuate the purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. The City Council hereby finds and determines that Remotec, Inc. is the sole source provider of the F6B Bomb Robot to be purchased by the City, and thus, the purchase is exempt from competitive bid as provided for in V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Section 252.022 (a) (7).

Section II. The City Manager or his/her authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as necessary to effectuate the purchase of the F6B Bomb Robot in the amount of \$242,672 from Remotec, Inc..

Section III. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2011.

Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane Zucco, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Diane C. Wetherbee, CITY ATTORNEY