



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Richard Lanyon, Executive Director

Authorization to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Skokie Police Department for the District's proportional cost and use of a VirTra Simulator, a firearms training simulator, per grant agreement with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

Dear Sir:

On June 4, 2009, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into an agreement with Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) for a grant to utilize funds in the amount of \$395,775.00, from the Department of Homeland Security, Fiscal Year 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program, Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP), CFDA #97-078. The purpose of the agreement was to provide funding for costs related to equipment, planning activities, and the management and administration of preventive and protective actions, which serves to protect, secure, and reduce the vulnerabilities of jurisdictions responsible for the protection of identified critical infrastructure and key resource sites. This agreement expires August 31, 2011.

The grant agreement specifies that the District is to fund a portion of the Skokie Police Department's cost for a VirTra Simulator, a firearms training simulator, manufactured by VirTra Systems, Inc. The District's cost, \$30,775.00, will be reimbursed thru the Department of Homeland Security's grant program. The simulator will be housed at the Skokie Police Department and used by both the Skokie Police Department and the District police for training in the appropriate use of force in various situations. The training would provide decision making scenarios, 300-degree situational awareness, use of force training for firearms, and different marksmanship courses with multiple levels of instruction. The Law Department has prepared an agreement between the District and the Skokie Police Department on the terms of usage and future maintenance responsibilities for the firearms training simulator. The District's cost for on-going maintenance, beginning in 2011, will not be reimbursed by the Department of Homeland Security.

Inasmuch as the collaborative purchase with the Skokie Police Department for the firearms training simulator is required in the grant agreement with the IEMA, it is requested that the Director of Procurement and Materials Management be authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Skokie Police Department for the District's proportional cost, and use of the VirTra Simulator.

Requested, Eileen McElligott, Administrative Services Manager, BKS:SMK:CW:GT

Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman Committee on Procurement

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for March 18, 2010