

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 14, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **January 22, 2025, City Council Draft Agenda Item #10; 25-88A Authorize a three-year purchasing agreement for a web-based intelligence investigative platform, Cobwebs, for the Dallas Police Department with SHI Government Solutions, INC through Region 4 ESC**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on January 22, 2025.

DRAFT AGENDA ITEM #10; 25-88A

Authorize a three-year purchasing agreement for a web-based intelligence investigative platform, Cobwebs, for the Dallas Police Department with SHI Government Solutions, INC through Region 4 ESC (Contract No. RR220804) agreement - Estimated amount of \$303,963.00 - Financing: General Fund (subject to annual appropriations)

BACKGROUND

This action does not encumber funds; the purpose of a cooperative purchasing agreement is to establish firm pricing for services, for a specific term, which are ordered on an as needed basis according to annual budgetary appropriations. The estimated amount is intended as guidance rather than a cap on spending under the agreement, so that actual need combined with the amount budgeted will determine the amount spent under this agreement.

This cooperative purchasing agreement will allow for the purchase of social media investigative software, Cobwebs, for the Dallas Police Department (DPD). This software will provide an efficient tool for investigating social media post from potential suspects. This software extrapolates data from multiple social media platforms to provide valuable data about a specific person. Data obtained through this software includes associated persons, places frequented, and patterns of activities about a potential suspect. This type of data assists DPD in stopping criminal enterprises quickly and effectively in their efforts to reduce crime.

The Region 4 ESC (Contract No. R220804) agreement is authorized by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Subchapter F, Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code. Section 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code which authorizes a local government to participate in a Cooperative Purchasing Program with another local government or a local cooperative organization.

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