



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 9/12/2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider allowing the Fire Department to Submit a Request for Proposal as a Chemical Assessment Team.

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BACKGROUND:

The Grand Rapids Fire Department has been a contracted State Chemical Assessment Team since the inception of the Hazardous Materials Regional Response Program in 1996. Every (not more than) five (5) years, the State of Minnesota requires that all contracting services go through an RFP process. This new contract term is anticipated to be from October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. This is to align the hazmat contracts with the state's fiscal cycle. This is a continuation of services that the GRFD has performed with the State of Minnesota since 1996.

The Chemical Assessment Team is responsible for responding to chemical-related emergencies throughout the state, as directed by the State of Minnesota. Annual funding of approximately \$60,000 for reimbursements to the Chemical Assessment Team is provided by the State of Minnesota.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to allow the Grand Rapids Fire Department to submit a Request for Proposal to the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety to function as a contracted Chemical Assessment Team, and to authorize required signatures and if awarded the contract, make a motion to accept and allow necessary signatures to execute the final contract.