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(ITEM ) From the Office of the Sheriff, requesting authorization to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration (TSA) National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program grant in the initial amount of \$1,010,000, for the provision of TSA-certified explosives detection canine teams to respond to threats at General Mitchell International Airport and related locations within the Sheriff’s Transportation Operating System for the period effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2019, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transportation Security Administration (TSA) National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program (NEDCTP) has authorized funding for four TSA-certified explosives detection canine teams at \$50,500 per team; and

WHEREAS, DHS-TSA and the Sheriff agree to maintain assigned TSA canine teams that will be available to work within the transportation systems under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the intent to provide maximum coverage during peak operating hours; and

WHEREAS, the total five-year estimated cost of TSA’s share for the performance of this Agreement is \$1,010,000 and TSA’s share is calculated utilizing the current number of authorized teams (four) at \$50,500 per team; and

WHEREAS, only funding for the base year of performance is provided at the time of the Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) award; and

WHEREAS, funding for years two through five will be provided via OTA modification on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff agrees to maintain the ability to promptly respond to threats at support facilities within the Sheriff’s Transportation Operating System (TOS) which affect public safety or transportation operations; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff agrees that TSA canine teams will conduct frequent canine activities within view of the public, thereby providing a noticeable visible deterrent towards terrorist threats and other criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff agrees that the TSA-certified canine teams will be utilized at least 80% of their time in the Sheriff’s TOS (General Mitchell International Airport); and

46 WHEREAS, TSA will provide trained canines as quickly as possible, depending  
47 upon available resources and mission objectives; and  
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49 WHEREAS, the Sheriff agrees to maintain a minimum of three TSA-certified  
50 explosives detection canine teams; and  
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52 WHEREAS, the Sheriff will provide handler candidates to attend the TSA  
53 canine/handler training and the required retention period for all canine handlers in the  
54 NEDCTP is a minimum of three years; and  
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56 WHEREAS, the Sheriff agrees to submit a complete and accurate  
57 reimbursement package detailing all monthly expenditures regardless of the availability  
58 of funds to the Field Canine Coordinator, no later than 30 days after the submission  
59 month; and  
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61 WHEREAS, TSA will reimburse the Sheriff for amounts expended on authorized  
62 reimbursable items; and  
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64 WHEREAS, the Sheriff is required to send one representative to a scheduled  
65 NEDCTP Program Review; and  
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67 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its  
68 meeting of January 22, 2015, recommended adoption of the Sheriff's request (vote 7-0);  
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71 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of  
72 January 29, 2015, also recommended adoption of the Sheriff's request (vote 8-0); now,  
73 therefore,  
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75 BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of the Sheriff is hereby authorized to apply for and  
76 accept a Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration  
77 (TSA) National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program grant for funding TSA-  
78 certified explosives detection canine teams to respond to threats at General Mitchell  
79 International Airport and related locations within the Office of the Sheriff's  
80 Transportation Operating System in the amount of \$1,010,000.  
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