

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorizing to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Forge Institute for the purchase of one Cyber Security Strike Team Training Course for use by the Information Technology Department.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Emergency Management Division</p>	<p>√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Forge Institute for the purchase of one (1) Cyber Security Strike Team Training Course for use by the Information Technology Department.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The total amount of the grant is \$139,500.00 and is 100% of the funding is provided through the State Homeland Security Grant Program with no fiscal impact to the City of Little Rock. Accounting Unit No. 270519-G30P211.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the ordinance.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>The Little Rock City Manager’s Office/Emergency Management Division is committed to improving Cyber Security Response throughout the City and State. In order to accomplish this goal, the Emergency Management Division proposes the purchase of one (1) Cyber Security Task Force Training Course for use by the Information Technology Department and other City or County entities throughout the State. Forge Institute is the sole provider of this training course.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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Since September 11, 2001, the City has become eligible for several Emergency Service Equipment/Training Grants, and these purchases are eligible items from those grants. This course is 100% Federally funded through the Department of Homeland Security and Arkansas Division of Emergency Management. The course will be open to the City's Information Technology Staff and other Information Technology Staff from County and City Information Technology Departments.