RESOLUTION NO.: 2013-127

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE TOTALING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $20,454.55 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND - *FEDERAL*, TO PURCHASE AN AVATAR II TACTICAL ROBOT AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FROM ROBOTEX, INC., THE SOLE SOURCE VENDOR WHO CAN PROVIDE THE CITY OF HIALEAH WITH THE NECESSARY AND SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT, UPON SUCH COSTS HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah Police Department's SWAT team responds to many life threatening scenes in which the subjects are barricaded and/or armed with various types of weapons, including high powered assault rifles; and

WHEREAS, the design of the Avatar II Tactical Robot and related accessories will allow the SWAT team to inspect and view dangerous situations while the operators maintain a safe distance adding to the likelihood of a successful operation; and

WHEREAS, the tactical advantage provided by the robot will allow it to navigate different obstacles as well as provide items to a barricaded individual while continuing negotiations and limiting the risk of injury to the individual, the SWAT team, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the funds to cover these necessary and legitimate expenses are available in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund – *Federal*; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended adoption of this resolution and determined that the proposed expenditure complies with the *Guide to Equitable Sharing*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed a total amount of $20,454.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund - *Federal*, to purchase an AVATAR II Tactical Robot and

accessories from Robotex Inc, the sole source vendor who can provide the City of Hialeah Police Department the above equipment with the necessary and specific functions, upon such costs having been approved by the Chief of Police.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of December, 2013.

Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:

Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Approved on the 16 day of December, 2013.

Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a 6-0-1 vote with Council Members, Garcia-Martinez, Caragol, Casals-Munoz, Cue-Fuente, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes", Council Vice President Gonzalez absent.