

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12155	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	January 26, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 13-month requirements service contract with CYTEL GROUP, INC., to provide assistance in the preparation and execution of the Austin Urban Area Security Initiative training exercise for the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in an estimated amount not to exceed \$350,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Professional Services
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide a full-scale training exercise called Urban Shield for the Austin Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The UASI is comprised of the City of Austin, the City of Round Rock, Travis County, Williamson County, and Hays County. The UASI assists in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism.

This UASI full-scale training exercise will assess the region's ability to successfully respond to and manage multiple terrorist events and other emergencies. The overarching goal will be to provide a multi-layered training exercise to enhance the skills and abilities of regional first-responders, as well as those responsible for coordinating and managing large-scale events. Involved personnel will include regional emergency managers, fire and emergency medical services, law enforcement, and related government and corporate partner personnel.

Cytel Group, Inc. will facilitate the training, planning, preparation, and execution of the Austin Urban Shield exercise. Cytel Group, Inc. will assist in all aspects of project management during the planning phase, act as an advisory group during the preparation phase, and provide overall evaluators during the execution phase.

Cytel Group, Inc., Castro Valley, CA, has successfully developed, coordinated, and managed the Urban Shield exercise in the San Francisco Bay Area Region since 2007 and has provided oversight and assistance to the Urban Shield exercises in New Orleans in 2009 and Boston in May 2011.