

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	21906	Agenda Number	23.
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Meeting Date:	February 28, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 36-month professional services requirements contract with DR. TANIA GLENN & ASSOC P A, to provide trauma counseling services for the Emergency Medical Services Department, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$145,645, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$53,482 for the first extension option, \$56,156 for the second extension option, \$58,964 for the third extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$314,247.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$26,950 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding for the remaining 29 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note**

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

Purchasing Language:	Professional Services
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Colleen Athey, Senior Buyer, 974-2938
Boards and Commission Action:	
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B 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 contract.

**Additional Backup Information**

This contract will provide counseling services for employees of Austin-Travis County EMS in response to specific traumatic work-related events or cumulative work-related stress.

All counselors providing services will be certified by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and will have at least 3 years of experience providing critical-incident stress management services to public safety personnel.

Each employee will be limited to no more than 8 counseling sessions per 12-month period, with any additional sessions subject to the Office of the Medical Director's approval. The contract also provides training for cadets, pre-incident preparedness, and assistance with coordination of outside resources in the event of a major disaster that exceeds the capacity of local counseling resources.

The City declares this project to be a professional services contract exempt from Texas Government Code, Chapter 252.022 (a) (4) since the services provided under the contract are of an intellectual nature and require special training, experience, skills, and education.