

CIP EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

3/21/13
Purchasing, APD

SUBJECT: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with METRO AVIATION, INC. to provide helicopter completion services for the Austin Police Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,141,517. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Police Department. 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.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Austin Police Department
Project Name:	APD Helicopter
Fund/Department/Unit:	8180-8707-0200
Funding Source:	Police CIP
Current Appropriation:	3,745,000
Unencumbered Balance:	1,179,985.00
Amount of This Action:	<u>(1,141,517.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>38,468.00</u>
 Total Amount of this Action	 <u><u>1,141,517.00</u></u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This contract is for the purchase of completion services for the new Helicopter, American Eurocopter AS350B3e previously approved by City Council on August 23, 2012. The completion package includes, but is it not limited to the purchase and installation of a thermal imager, a searchlight, a moving map, night vision goggles, development monitors, and a cargo hook sling suspension system.

The AS350B3e helicopter can be configured and reconfigured based on different types of utility missions, including sling load operations, personnel insertions, firefighting, rescue-hoisting-extraction during flash floods, or for lost or injured persons in wilderness and green belt areas, power line inspections, and critical infrastructure surveillance. The helicopter will also include the ability to be used in fighting wildfires. The helicopter will be equipped with buckets that may be filled from various water sources. This allows the helicopter crew to operate the bucket in remote locations without the need to return to a permanent operating base, reducing the time between successive drops. Remaining funds may be used in connection with financing costs associated with the capital funding.