

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	24775	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	June 6, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with ALL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC. for the purchase of a gas chromatograph-headspace analyzer for the Austin Police Department to be used in the identification of narcotic substances in an amount not to exceed \$63,463.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department funded by the 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Colleen Knowlton, Senior Buyer, 974-2938
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D. (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the one-time purchase of a gas chromatograph-headspace analyzer. The APD Forensics Laboratory will use this instrument to determine the amount of ethyl alcohol and other volatile compounds found in blood samples.

Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) is used in the analysis of the blood specimen and is a validated and scientifically approved method for the analysis of volatiles in biological samples. Many partnering agencies such as the Travis County Medical Examiner's Toxicology Laboratory, the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory System, and the Drug Enforcement Agency Laboratory System utilize this same instrument.

APD's current gas chromatograph-headspace analyzer was purchased in August of 1998 and is no longer functioning. The new instrument will allow APD to process 45 samples during a sequence run, reduce the amount of backlog, and allow APD to remain current with casework.

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All Business Machines, Inc. is contracted through TXMAS to supply various types of scientific equipment to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the TXMAS contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of equipment.