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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	27853	Agenda Number	11.
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Meeting Date:	10/24/2013	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and Travis County to integrate management of hazardous material containment, especially responding to hazardous materials incidents, by sharing personnel, equipment, technology, and data.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available from Travis County.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County is to establish a co-operative working relationship between the two entities that establishes the Austin Fire Department (AFD) as having primary responsibility for providing resources and assigning an appropriate response to incidents involving the mitigation and containment of chemical, biological, nuclear or radiological events. City and County will integrate their efforts to manage hazardous material (hazmat) containment and responding to hazmat incidents by sharing personnel, equipment, technology and data.

Travis County will pay the City of Austin \$80,000 for 1) assignment pay associated with service provision, 2) training, and 3) equipment maintenance/sustainment/fuel.

AFD will dispatch hazmat services including the notification of Travis County first responders; monitor the readiness and training of 19 hazmat technicians on duty and/or on call 24-7; use the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to establish on-scene incident command; report hazmat incidents to designated County personnel; provide hazmat equipment and vehicle replacement as scheduled; bill for cost recovery and

provide collection reports on qualifying incidents occurring in the County; and be the custodian of hazmat-related records.

Travis County will provide funding for one (1) FTE with the job title Environmental Compliance Specialist Senior, a vehicle, workspace in County facilities, internet access and other IT services to access regional information. County will also coordinate planning for Homeland Security initiatives; evaluate hazmat incidents occurring in the County; provide a single point of contact for City and other organizations developing hazmat strategies and protocols; and will make available an existing inventory of hazmat vehicles, equipment and supplies including communications equipment.

Various goals, performance measures, and reporting requirements have been established. For example, the expected average response time to suburban County incidents is (1) hour or less.

The initial term of the agreement is one year and the parties may renew for up to five (5) additional one-year terms on mutual consent.