

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	29813	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	January 30, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with BULLEX, INC. for the purchase of one Smart Fire Safety and Emergency Training Trailer in an amount not to exceed \$94,900.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department, Prevention and Safety Grant Fund.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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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 purchase of a Smart Fire Safety and Emergency Training Trailer to be used by the Austin Fire Department. The trailer will be used by the Community Outreach Division and is equipped with a kitchenette and bedroom that offers fully interactive three-dimensional training scenarios that respond in real time to the response actions of the trainee. This simulator trailer offers a safer training and educational environment than one that uses real fire and smoke. The Austin Fire Department's Community Outreach Division will use this trailer as an educational tool for the community.

The BullEx trailer is a US Patent protected simulator that is the only mobile training unit that uses self-generating digital flames that combined with actual heat, sound, smoke, and smart props, offering a realistic training environment. In the past, the Community Outreach Division had to use live fires in a parking lot affected by the weather conditions. This new fire safety trailer will offer a hands on learning environment where the trainees can practice proper techniques in the correct simulated environment.

The new trailer in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.