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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31629	Agenda Number	9.
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Meeting Date:	4/17/2014	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Approve recommendations related to purchasing a wildfire detection system by the City and related to establishing coordinated operations of wildfire detection systems owned by the City, Travis County, and the City of Westlake.

Amount and Source of Funding

A sole source criterion has yet to be identified.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required at this time.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Prior Resolution No. 20140213-047 approved by Council on 02-13-14.
For More Information:	Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr, 512-974-0130; Chief of Staff Harry Evans, 512-974-0132
Boards and Commission Action:	April 7, 2014 - Approved by the Public Safety Commission on 5-0 vote with Commissioner Ko recusing himself and Commissioner Holt absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

It is the recommendation of the Austin Fire Department (AFD) to partner with Travis County, who we have been in discussions with, to each make an investigatory purchase of one wildfire smoke detection sensor system. Then we would coordinate with the city of Westlake for a total of three sensor systems for Travis County. We believe we are able to locate at least three suitable tower locations, complete the tower engineering, and place these sensors without adding expensive towers for this program.