

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	45473	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	June 4, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month service and supply contract with 3SOUTH LLC, to provide a gas chromatograph, training, and parts for the Austin Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$188,844, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for each extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$248,844.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available from the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program within the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office. Funding for the remaining 33-months of the contract and the extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Sole bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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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. Per the City's Small and Minority Business Resources Department, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide the Austin Fire Department (AFD) with a field ready, mobile gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS) for chemical identification by emergency responders, provide training on use and maintenance to end users on the equipment, and establish a parts contract to support the GC/MS. The GC/MS is used to detect and identify hazardous chemicals at incident scenes. Unidentifiable chemicals at an incident create greater hazards for on scene personnel and victims of a chemical emergency because potential impact cannot be adequately assessed and treatment options are limited until the substance can be identified.

The current identification equipment in use relies on a single technology source, Fourier Transform Infra-Red oscopy. This equipment performs well in some situations and poorly in others including when the material has been diluted or mixed. In order to identify a broader range of chemicals and CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives) materials, acquisition of the new GC/MS technology is crucial.

Currently, the only regionally accessible GC/MS resides with the 6th Civil Support Team of the Texas Army National Guard. Due to the high frequency of 6th Civil Support Team out of region deployments, this capability is often unavailable. Acquisition and use of this equipment by AFD sustains regional response capabilities for Federal Emergency Management Agency - National Incident Management System Type 1 and Type 2 Hazmat Entry Teams. This will provide 24/7 regional availability of the GC/MS without having to rely on a frequently deployed state resource and will ensure that public safety responders have an increased ability to make rapid incident and treatment decisions on scene.

No pricing history is available due to this being the first purchase of its type; however, pricing came in slightly less than AFD was anticipating.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

### **BID TABULATION**

**IFB No. EAD0235  
Gas Chromatograph, Training, and Parts Contract  
(11 line items)**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Price</u></b>
<b>3South LLC Baton Rouge, LA</b>	<b>\$148,843.16</b>

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City's Financial Services Austin Finance Online website at: [http://ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/solicitation/search.cfm](http://ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/search.cfm)

### **PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Sole bid received. The bid was extended for an additional week to allow bidders more time to respond.
- b. 43 notices were sent including two WBEs. There are no MBEs registered for this commodity. One bid was received with no response from the WBEs.
- c. This is the first contract of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Sole bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Fire Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the internet.