

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	46332	Agenda Number	44.
Meeting Date:	June 18, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution of a 21-month contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with DOOLEY TACKABERRY, INC. to provide fire rescue equipment for the Austin Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$362,816.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$90,704 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining 18-months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase of fire rescue equipment.			
Prior Council Action:	█			
For More Information:	Erin D'Vincent, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-972-4017			
Boards and Commission Action:	█			
Related Items:	█			
MBE / WBE:	<p>This cooperative purchase 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 Resources Department, no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.</p>			

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of firefighting equipment essential to firefighting operations. The firefighting equipment available through Dooley Tackaberry is used in a variety of functions and scenarios. Some of the most frequently used equipment includes valves, nozzles, and hand tools. Valves are essential to the firefighting operations because they are the connection pieces between water sources, hoses, and nozzles. Nozzles are the devices that allow the firefighter to direct the water and change the stream of the water depending on the needs. The hand tools, such as axes, are used in a variety of ways, from gaining entry to exploring through rubble.

This cooperative contract is advantageous to the Austin Fire Department (AFD) because based on all of the items available through BuyBoard, it provides the most flexibility. AFD would be able to take advantage of technological advances in fire rescue equipment through Dooley Tackaberry as it is available to the market place. Dooley Tackaberry's pricing through the cooperative program offers deep discounts ranging from 30% through 48% from the open market based on the items available.

If approval of this contract request is delayed, AFD will be required to conduct requests for quotes to make spot purchases of firefighting equipment.