

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	47994	Agenda Number	42.
Meeting Date:	August 20, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with GT DISTRIBUTORS INC. for the one-time purchase of night vision goggles and helmet mounts for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$103,847.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$100,075 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Police State Contraband Asset Forfeiture Budget and \$3,772 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase			
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:				
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This cooperative 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.			

### Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of nine night vision goggles and nine helmet mounts for the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit of the Austin Police Department (APD). Night vision equipment is used during special operations conducted in low light conditions to resolve dangerous situations or neutralize threats to the public.

These goggles are specifically designed for SWAT teams and will provide APD approximately 10 to 12 years of productive life. These goggles are waterproof, weigh less than other comparable model goggles, have a lower profile against SWAT helmets, and are equipped with tubes that are individually replaceable. The lower profile can be used as a monocular, so the officer can use both normal vision and night vision interchangeably. This also helps with moving in and out of dark buildings during daylight hours.

Almost 50% of the SWAT calls start at night between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. or begin prior to 8:00 p.m. and extended into night hours. Nearly half of all SWAT calls require the officers to conduct operations in dark or diminished light and night vision goggles allow officers to see in situations where the level of danger to the public and the officer is increased.

The requested goggles will require no new or additional training for officers to operate. APD's current inventory of night vision goggles are in excess of 19 years old and although repairs have been possible in the past, parts for the goggles are becoming more difficult to obtain. APD currently outfits SWAT officers with an obsolete version of night vision equipment. This new equipment will replace the outdated equipment.

In researching the pricing offered through the available Cooperative networks, this purchase represents the best value to the City. This purchase needs to occur prior to the end of September due to the funds being allocated for this purchase in the current fiscal year.