

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	56401	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	4/21/2016	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas' Cockrell School of Engineering, for aerial robotics education and research in support of fire and water search and rescue.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of this agreement is to institute a framework of cooperation to conduct research and public demonstrations on safe and effective use of UAV/S and other robotic technologies during real or simulated public emergencies. Both parties will provide mutual support and assistance in evaluating the benefits of UAV/S research and demonstrations. The parties understand that the resources available from the City under this agreement are limited to the Austin Fire Department and from UT are limited to CSE.

Previously, on August 7, 2014, Austin City council approved item 29 on the council agenda authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and Texas A & M University to investigate utilizing UAVs and other robotics during emergency response. The City Council authorized the AFD to collaborate with Texas A&M for a 4-year-study on the practicality of using UAVs.