

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	69891	Agenda Number	17.
Meeting Date:	May 4, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with REMOTEC INC., for an unmanned bomb squad robotic vehicle for the Austin Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$303,019.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$298,934 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Revenue Fund of the Management Services Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management through the 2016 State Homeland Security Program funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$4,085 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Sole Source			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Erin D'Vincent, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-974-3070			
Boards and Commission Action:	[REDACTED]			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
MBE / WBE:	This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of an Andros FX explosive ordnance disposal hazardous unmanned robotic vehicle to be used by the Austin Police Department (APD) Bomb Squad to remotely disable and dispose of suspicious objects, explosive devices, and other dangerous threats from safe distances. APD, through Homeland Security grants, has invested approximately \$575,000 in the purchase of tools, parts, accessories and training courses associated with the Andros platform over the last 15 years. Due to the amount of funds and training invested in this platform, APD wishes to continue utilizing the Andros platform. This platform will continue to provide the APD Bomb Squad unit with improved capabilities, enhanced technology, and a prolonged service life.

Remotec is the sole manufacturer and distributor in the United States for this line of hazardous duty robot vehicles and all related upgrades, accessories, parts, refurbishments and services. Remotec's Andros systems have a unique articulated track design that is patented so other manufacturers are unable to offer the same design.

Failure to approve the contract will result in APD continuing to fund repairs and replacement of parts for outdated equipment which can hinder the effectiveness of the Bomb Squad unit should these vehicles become inoperable.