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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

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Agenda Number

46.

Meeting Date:

June 15, 2017

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract through the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, administered by the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) with METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC., for fire rescue equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$117,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 State Homeland Security Program Grant Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. Purchasing staff confirmed that this equipment is only available through the authorized dealer for our area, Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractor is the current provider for these goods.

Prior Council Action:



For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Kimberley Scannell, at 512-974-2261 or Kimberley.Scannell@ austintexas.gov

Boards and Commission Action:



Related Items:



MBE / WBE:

This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting

	opportunities and no certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.
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Additional Backup Information	
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The contract is for the Austin Fire Department (AFD) to purchase equipment that is used to lift cars or parts of buildings to rescue people who are trapped. AFD is part of the Regional Response Team for Austin/Travis County and the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region. The Regional Standardization of Equipment & Training (ReSET) work-group is a sub-committee of the Technical Committee of the Homeland Security Taskforce of CAPCOG. ReSET has an approved standardized equipment list to ensure compatible equipment and training is used throughout the region for all teams. In case of a catastrophic event, all local fire and rescue teams including those in San Antonio, Dallas, Houston and other smaller cities can easily work with one another as the equipment and training is the same and interchangeable. This ensures continuity of resources when responding to major structural collapse events and reduces the loss of life and property. If this brand of equipment is not used, when AFD responds to a structural collapse and is assisted by other regional response teams, rescue attempts will be hindered with a conflict of equipment and expertise.

Equipment is regularly maintained and replaced on a one-for-one basis only when damaged beyond repair. Previous purchases were made as-needed when grant funding was available. Purchases meet the specifications for Texas Task Force 1 Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue System.

The BuyBoard cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Delay in approving or failure to approve this purchase may result in the loss of grant funding. Grant funding expires September 30, 2017.