

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 8, 2018

Item Number: **007**

Purchasing Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of an additional contract through the State of Texas SmartBuy cooperative purchasing program with Evenflo Company Inc., for infant and toddler car seats, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for a total aggregate contract amount for this fiscal year not to exceed \$83,000. (Note: 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; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant through Emergency Medical Services.
Purchasing Language	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. 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.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov> or to the buyer, Erin D’Vincent, at 512-974-3070 or Erin.DVincent@austintexas.gov <mailto:Erin.DVincent@austintexas.gov>.
Client Department(s)	Emergency Medical Services.

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of child passenger safety seats to be distributed by Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS) to families in need. ATCEMS has over 30 certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, two certified instructors, and full time staff solely dedicated to injury prevention, marketing, and community relations. ATCEMS has been providing child passenger safety seats within Travis County since 2008.

ATCEMS is increasing the number of monthly child passenger safety seats check events which are located throughout Travis County and includes multiple school districts. In addition to these planned events, ATCEMS will be conducting additional child passenger safety seat events in Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson counties.

ATCEMS purchased approximately \$58,000 of these same car seats in October 2017. This purchase in conjunction with the previous purchase will exceed City Manager authority, which is why this item is being presented to Council. If the City is unable to secure a contract, the child passenger safety services program may cease to exist. ATCEMS, along with grant funding, gives the ability to provide the child passenger safety seats for families who need assistance.

The State of Texas SmartBuy 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.