

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: 035

## Purchasing Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists Inc., for thermal imaging equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. (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).

<b>Lead Department</b>	Purchasing Office.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the need of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.
<b>For More Information</b>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <a href="mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov">AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</a> or to the buyer, Erin D'Vincent, at 512-974-3070 or <a href="mailto:Erin.DVincent@austintexas.gov">Erin.DVincent@austintexas.gov</a> .
<b>Client Department(s)</b>	Austin Fire Department.

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**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide the Austin Fire Department (AFD) with thermal imaging equipment. Thermal imaging cameras are used by firefighters to see through smoke in order to perform effectively, find the source of the fire, and/or locate victims. AFD currently uses an older version of these cameras. These new cameras have an increased battery life, wireless charging, an internal battery, and a five-year warranty.

The intent is to deploy two cameras to each fire truck and rescue unit and one camera to each pumper unit, battalion chief vehicle, and ready reserve pumpers. Extra cameras will be used to replace units in need of repairs. By increasing the number of cameras on the trucks and rescue units, AFD will increase the efficiency of the firefighters' rescue efforts by allowing teams to begin searches of the structure internally and externally at the same time.

The Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, administered by the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (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