



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3116, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

10/17/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., for an online subscription to an investigative data platform, for a term of two years in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$90,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple vendors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these services. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the services required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of access to Vigilant Solutions' commercial license plate recognition (LPR) database network, formally known as the National Vehicle Location Service for the Austin Police Department (APD). The network hosts LPR data records and license plate detections acquired nationally by Vigilant Solutions partner agencies for dissemination to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to use for investigative purposes. Information gathered from the network is used by APD to assist with criminal investigations, auto theft recoveries, and locating missing persons. If the City is unable to secure a contract, the department will lose access to the database which may result in compromising a significant number of cases currently under investigation.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts

that may 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.