



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2628, **Agenda Item #:** 49.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with GT Distributors, Inc., to provide public safety vehicle light bars and siren equipment, parts, and accessories, for an increase in the amount of \$81,250, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$406,250.

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

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Communications and Technology Management, Wireless Communications Service Division; Fleet Mobility Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$13,542 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Communications and Technology Management, Wireless Communication Services Division. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

Prior Council Action:

June 14, 2018 - Council approved the initial contract, item 42, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The proposed amendment is to provide Communication Technology Management, Wireless Communication Services Division (WCSD), with a constant source of public safety vehicle light bars, siren equipment, parts, and accessories. Light bars and siren equipment are used to alert traffic of potentially hazardous conditions, fast-moving vehicles, and lane closures.

Due to unanticipated needs, there is insufficient spending authority to maintain the contract through its term and this proposed amendment is needed to provide for the continued purchase of equipment until a new contract can be put in place. The State of Texas Move Over Law was recently amended to include all public

service vehicles. To be in compliance with the law, WCSD is installing emergency lighting in additional City vehicles including ones for Austin Energy, Austin Water, Public Works, and Watershed Protection Department.

The contract is necessary to provide WCSD with a reliable and continuous source of equipment, repair parts, and replacement parts for public safety and service vehicles.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Current Contract Authorization	Requested Additional Authorization	Revised Total Authorization
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$325,000		\$325,000
Proposed Amendment			\$81,250	\$ 81,250
TOTALS	5 yrs.	\$325,000	\$81,250	\$406,250

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Mobility.