



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1947, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

6/10/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Davenport Aviation, Inc., for a helicopter searchlight, in an amount not to exceed \$88,834.

(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.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Justice Assistance Grant Program, Air Support Improvement Project.

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:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of a TrakkaBeam® TLX Searchlight for the Austin Police Department's Air Support Unit. This equipment will replace the existing searchlight, which has reached the end of its useful life. The new equipment is brighter, weighs less, and has a lower profile, providing less drag to the aircraft. These features will make operating the aircraft safer and provide increased efficiency with anticipated savings on fuel cost.

The United States General Services Administration cooperative program establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program. The vendor is certified as a Historically Underutilized Business Zone vendor and Woman Owned Small Business vendor by the U.S. Small Business

Administration.

If the City is unable to complete this purchase, the Air Support Unit will have limited options for maintenance and repairs of the obsolete searchlight.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.