



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1546, Agenda Item #: 23.

4/7/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with ICOR Technology Inc. for two unmanned robotic vehicles in the amount of \$97,000.

(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

Financial Services Department.

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, Special Operations Explosive Ordinance Device Project.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Financial Services Department 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 two ICOR Technology Mini-Caliber® unmanned robotic vehicles for use by the Austin Police Department (APD) Bomb Squad during its response to critical incidents within the Austin and Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) regional service areas. The Mini-Caliber model is a lightweight tactical robot capable of searching rooms, hallways, stairwells, and confined spaces. It also includes rubber tracks, articulating front and rear flippers and an extendible rotating arm for climbing stairs and opening doors. Due to its compact size and versatility, APD will be able to easily transport and quickly deploy this tool in a variety of conditions and situations.

The United States General Services Administration cooperative program 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.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, it may result in APD losing grant funding to purchase the robots.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.