



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1573, Agenda Item #: 11.

4/21/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Atlantic Diving Supply, Inc. d/b/a ADS, Inc. for tactical carrier vests in the amount of \$71,846.

(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 in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Financial Services Department has determined this cooperative purchase program 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 144 tactical carrier vests for the Austin Police Department's Counter Assault Strike Team (CAST) to replace existing vests. These vests have a multi-platform modular design, which allows officers to change and adapt their vest with minimal effort and maximum efficiency. The officer will be able to configure their vest depending on their environment, threat, and operational requirement.

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 CAST not having the appropriate equipment for operational efficiency and officer safety.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.