



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-1747, Agenda Item #: 14.**

**5/5/2022**

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Ring Power Corporation d/b/a Ring Power Lift Truck or Ring Power Crane or Power System for a Ring Power Tactical Solutions Vehicle, in the amount of \$376,000.

(Note: Sole Source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Police Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$317,555 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Revenue Fund of the Management Services Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management through the 2021 State Homeland Security Program funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$58,445 is available from the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department through the Police State Contraband Asset Forfeiture Fund.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Sole Source.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The City Manager's Office has reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution 20200611-096 and recommends approval. The contract is for the purchase of a Ring Power Tactical Solutions Vehicle (ROOK) for use by the Austin Police Department (APD) Special Operations during its response to critical incidents within the Austin area and the Capital Area Council of Government counties. The ROOK is a custom designed National Institute of Justice Level IV Caterpillar Multi-Terrain Loader specifically adapted and modified for utilization during tactical operations where the need to enhance officer, firefighter, or paramedic safety is required due to environment, location, or fortification. Unlike traditional tactical vehicles, the ROOK is capable of being used in tight areas both inside and outside of structures and includes mission-specific attachments that can be easily interchanged depending on situational needs.

The City will integrate the use of the ROOK to deployments of the APD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)

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team, and it will be available to assist other public safety agencies within the region. A new and emerging threat employed during active attacks or barricaded subject calls involves the use of fire as a weapon. Purposefully setting fire to a structure during one of these incidents adds a level of complexity and danger to the public safety personnel involved and the community. The use of the ROOK will provide a safer approach to resolving many tactical operations including domestic and foreign terrorism, armed and barricaded subjects, search and rescue, active shooter scenes, and hostage situations.

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

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety.