



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-1351, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

3/23/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract for three unmanned robotic vehicles with ICOR Technology, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$351,894.

[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 in the amount of \$219,497 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Police State Contraband Asset Forfeiture Fund of the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$126,889 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Justice Assistance Grant Program, Special Operations Explosive Ordinance Device for the project period October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. Funding in the amount of \$5,508 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 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 three unmanned robotic vehicles to replace aging equipment and for the use of the Austin Police Department (APD) Bomb Squad during its response to critical incidents within the Austin and Capital Area Council of Governments regional service area. The Caliber Flex and Mini-Caliber models selected for purchase are lightweight, smaller sized, tactical robots capable of lifting up to 80 pounds and searching rooms, hallways, stairwells, and confined spaces. Both models also include an extendible rotating arm, rubber tracks, and articulating front and rear flippers for climbing stairs, opening doors, and traversing a variety of terrain. Due to their compact size and versatility, APD will be able to easily transport and quickly deploy this tool in a variety of conditions and hazardous situations.

The United States General Services Administration (GSA) through their Advantage 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 complete this purchase, APD will continue to use antiquated equipment which becomes less reliable over time and could result in an increase in cost to maintain the equipment.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety.