



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1505, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

4/13/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for tactical carrier vests with Atlantic Diving Supply, Inc. d/b/a ADS, Inc., for 34 months for a total contract amount not to exceed \$644,000.

[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 in the amount of \$128,901 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple contractors within this cooperative purchasing program 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 will provide multi-piece tactical carrier vests with accessories for the Austin Police Department's (APD) Special Weapons and Tactics Team and Organized Crime Division to replace expiring vests as needed for APD officers. The tactical carrier vests have a multi-platform modular design which allows officers to change and adapt the vest with minimal effort and maximum efficiency, while still providing ballistic bicep, neck, groin, and torso coverage. Officers will be able to configure the vest depending on the environment, threat, and operational requirement. The vest has antimicrobial spacer mesh and padding, making it breathable and more comfortable during the summer months, and it can be scaled down to a plate carrier if required.

The current contract for these goods expired April 10, 2023. The requested authorization amount was determined using the current inventory of vests and their expiration dates as well as estimates of future requirements.

The Sourcewell cooperative 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 a contract is not secured, the City will not have a reliable source for tactical carrier vests and will be forced to procure these goods on an as-needed basis, which may result in higher prices.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.