



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1829, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

5/18/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for Cellebrite decryption hardware and software licenses with Carahsoft Technology Corp., for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$380,000.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this procurement, there were no certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$94,500 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 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:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of Cellebrite decryption hardware and software licenses for the Austin Police Department (APD) Digital Forensics Unit (DFU). The DFU is tasked with the identification, collection, and transfer of digital evidence found on electronic media such as cell phones and other electronic devices. The Cellebrite Forensic Systems will allow investigators and analysts to unlock electronic devices involved in a crime. This software will allow the DFU to complete a full transfer of these devices providing evidence needed to further investigations.

The Cellebrite Premium SaaS digital forensic software allows for the processing of devices such as digital video recorders, security cameras, mobile devices, tablets, and navigation systems. The information transferred from these devices may contain data, multimedia, or other information useful in APD investigations.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that may 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 be unable to process digital devices. Evidence on these devices will remain unavailable to be used in the investigatory process.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	1 yr.	\$100,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$140,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$140,000
TOTAL	3 yrs.	\$380,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.