



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2264, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for one unmanned robotic vehicle with ICOR Technology Inc. in the amount of \$211,376.

[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 \$198,027 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Revenue Fund of the Management Services Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management through the 2022 State Homeland Security Program funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$13,349 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 Austin Police Department to provide the goods required 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 one unmanned robotic vehicle to replace aging equipment and for use by 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 model is a lightweight, smaller sized, tactical robot capable of lifting up to 80 pounds and searching rooms, hallways, stairwells and confined spaces. The model also includes 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 its 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 is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.

If the City is unable to complete this purchase, it could result in APD losing grant funding to purchase the robot.