



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2272, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for rifle resistant body armor plates with GT Distributors Inc. d/b/a GT Distributors-Austin in an amount not to exceed of \$177,386.

[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 \$164,728 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, BG - Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for the project period September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023. Funding in the amount of \$12,658 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 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 484 ProTech DT206C Type III stand-alone rifle resistant body armor plates for Austin Police Department (APD) officers. Body armor plates have a five-year replacement lifecycle due to material degradation, moisture exposure, UV exposure, and wear and tear with daily use. To protect officers against injuries, all officers are assigned body armor gear for daily use. The Type III plates are National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant, ensuring the highest quality of safety and reliability. They are lightweight and are made of ceramic to provide officers the best protection against high velocity rounds.

The Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) 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, APD officers will not have reliable protection and could also result in APD losing grant funding to purchase this equipment.