



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2568, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

9/14/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for a helicopter searchlight and installation with Helicopter Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$80,164.

[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 and services 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 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 and services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the Austin Police Department to provide these goods and services 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 a helicopter searchlight and installation for the Austin Police Department (APD) Air Support Unit, H125 helicopter. The equipment will replace the existing searchlight, which is no longer manufactured and is approaching the end of its life expectancy. The installation will be conducted at the contractor's site by qualified in-house mechanics and compliant with Federal Aviation Administration standards. APD will use the searchlight in response to critical public safety related incidents such as water rescues, locating lost or missing persons, and any other situation where a large amount of artificial light is needed to conduct public safety operations.

The General Services Administration cooperative 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, the helicopter will have an obsolete searchlight which would limit the City's capabilities when assisting in safety operations.