

AGENDA



Thursday, August 30, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 62**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with GT DISTRIBUTORS, Austin, TX for the purchase of TASER™ electronic control devices, cartridges, and holsters for the Austin Police Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$336,790, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$168,395 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$673,580.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$14,033 is available in the 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining 23 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer/974-2035

Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide for the supply of TASER™ electronic control devices (EOD) with extended warranty, cartridges for field use, holsters, and training. The EOD is standard issue to Patrol Officers and other specialized units. An officer must successfully complete the departmentally approved training program, to include written and practical tests, before they are authorized to carry and use the EOD.

This brand and type of device is required to maintain uniformity with the Austin Police Department in regards to training and compatibility of cartridges and holsters. This is a sole source purchase since TASER™ International, Inc. is the sole manufacturer of these products, and GT Distributors, Inc. is its sole authorized distributor of this product for the state of Texas excluding El Paso.