



MEMORANDUM

Austin Police Department *Office of the Chief*

TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: ART ACEVEDO, Chief of Police
DATE: December 4, 2008
SUBJECT: Contract Ratification

The Austin Police Department's regional Automated Palm and Fingerprint Identification System (APFIS) is a propriety system supported by Cogent. The APFIS system was first developed in April 2003, and Cogent Systems through a contract with the City, has continued to provide routine maintenance, system enhancements, and site upgrades to ensure the speed and accuracy of the system. This multi year contract expired in May of 2008, and APD is seeking ratification of a 6-month contract to continue services until a new long term contract could be brought to Council.

The APFIS is a regional system that serves the Austin Police Department as well as the Travis County Sheriffs Department, the Round Rock Police Department and the Williamson County Sheriffs Department. APD is the system administrator for the regional database and is responsible for its reliability; it must function with little to no downtime.

A 30-month contract to continue maintenance of the system has been submitted for Council review and approval on the December 11, 2008 agenda. In the interim, it was necessary to continue system support should any malfunctions occur.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

ART ACEVEDO
Chief of Police

cc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Michael McDonald, Assistant City Manager
Byron Johnson, Purchasing Officer