

AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 57

Subject: Approve ratification of a 6-month requirements service contract with COGENT SYSTEMS, INC., South Pasadena, CA, for maintenance services for the existing automated fingerprint identification system in the amount of \$22,916; and authorize the award, negotiation, and execution of a 30-month requirements service contract for the continuation of maintenance services for this system, related software, and peripherals in an estimated amount not to exceed \$535,784, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$558,700.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$91,662 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department and \$421,207 is available in the 2007 Bureau of Justice Assistance Targeting Violent Crime Grant. Funding for the remaining 12 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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Purchasing Language: Sole Source.

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

This contract is for the purchase of a maintenance agreement for the Austin Police Department's automated fingerprint identification system and related software, a programmable matching accelerator upgrade, and the purchase of peripherals (blue check devices) in an amount not to exceed \$558,700. The Automated Palm and Fingerprint Identification System (APFIS) contains over one million records and interfaces with two live scan workstations housed in the Travis County Justice Center. This interface allows the capture, electronic transmittal, and search of fingerprints to APFIS; as well as the transmittal and search of palm prints in the APFIS system. The maintenance agreement and programming matching accelerator upgrade are needed to ensure that the technology supports the required search and retention features of the system.

The Austin Police Department (APD) has assisted three local agencies in the implementation of their own APFIS programs. The agencies (Williamson Co., City of Round Rock, and Travis Co.) submit arrest records to the APD database, thus creating a "regional" database. All agencies connected are able to conduct latent and ten-print searches of all arrest records within the jurisdiction of the four agencies.

This contract allows for the purchase of 100 blue check devices that will be used by APD officers to identify arrested subjects. The blue check devices will enable officers in the field to connect to APFIS to verify matches between a subject's prints and prints in the system.

Cogent Systems, Inc. is the sole provider of system maintenance, software upgrades, and blue check devices that support the APFIS system.