

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 59**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with MILLER UNIFORMS & EMBLEMS INC., Austin, TX, to provide police tactical uniforms in an estimated amount not to exceed \$818,697, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$272,899 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,637,394.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$204,675 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining 27 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: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specifications of five bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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 solicitation.

This contract is for the supply of police tactical uniforms, including pants and shirts for the Austin Police Department (APD). These pants and shirts are necessary elements of the APD uniform and are required in the performance of police officers' official duties.

Through the use of this contract, the uniforms for APD's patrol officers and Special Response Team officers will change. APD will significantly reduce the number of dress trousers purchased, that have been the mainstay for APD uniforms, by using more of the Blauer tactical pants in their place. APD will also replace the standard black battle dress uniform (BDU) pants and shirts normally worn by the Special Response Team officers (e.g., Mardi-Gras, demonstrations and protests, and neighborhood cleanups) with the Blauer tactical shirt and tactical trousers. The standard BDU pants and shirts (olive drab green color) will continue to be the main uniform for all Special Operations units and Aviation unit (e.g., Bomb Squad, Hostage Negotiations, etc.) and will be purchased from an existing contract.

APD will dramatically reduce the issuance and use of the standard patrol dress pant and supplement with the more robust and durable Blauer Tactical Pant in an effort to provide for a standardized uniform for all APD units and to address the wear and tear issues observed with the current dress trousers.

In addition, APD will replace the standard BDU shirts with the more robust and durable Blauer tactical shirt. This shirt will be issued in limited quantities to all officers, but will be used almost exclusively for APD units assigned to work events or actions where a dress uniform would not provide the necessary durability or functionality.

All alterations will be made by City of Austin, FASD employees assigned to Materials Management.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/5

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred eighty-three notices were sent, including five WBEs. There are no known MBEs available for this commodity. Six bids were received, with no response from the WBEs.
- c. This the first supply contract for this type of new police shirt; therefore, there is no pricing history available. The pricing offered on the pants reflects a 4% increase to the last purchase made for a temporary contract in September 2008.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received meeting specifications. Miller Uniform and Emblem was the supplier for the temporary contract for the tactical pants.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Materials Management's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.