

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 43**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of 12-month requirements supply contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with GT DISTRIBUTORS, INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of concealable body armor, tactical body armor, and accessories for the Austin Police Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$345,046, with one 12-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$248,880, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$593,926.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$220,606 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining six months of the original contract period and the extension option 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/(512) 974-2035

**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). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

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This contract is for the supply of Level IIIA soft body armor vests and ballistic panels and ballistic resistant tactical vests for the officers of the Austin Police Department (APD). The concealable soft body armor provides full torso front, side, and back ballistic protection and is standard issue to each officer for daily wear, under the uniform, during duty hours. The ballistic resistant tactical vests are issued to the officers of APD's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and Organized Crime Division (OCD) units. The body armor provides full torso, throat, groin, and bicep ballistic protection and is standard issue to each officer.

The vests are individually fitted to allow an officer's unrestricted movements in the performance of his/her duties and to afford the greatest amount of ballistic coverage. Vests are issued as replacements for aged vests and for newly hired officers. The vests provided through this contract are certified by the most recent revision of the National Institute for Justice (NIJ). The NIJ standard is the nationwide body armor certification standard.

GT Distributors, Inc. is under contract with BuyBoard to provide body armor and related accessories statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of these products.