

AGENDA



Thursday, August 6, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas DPS) for the improvement and leasing of an existing Texas DPS building to house the Austin Regional Intelligence Center, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, including an annual lease with ten one-year automatic extensions.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Management Services, Office of Emergency Management Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Fund.

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

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Area Working Group.

The City of Austin, on behalf of the Urban Area Security Committee Partners (Partners), applied for and received federal grant funding for the creation of a fusion center. A fusion center is a cooperative effort of public safety agencies to combine public safety data to better utilize resources to improve the safety of our citizens. The Partners include Austin Police Department, Hays County Sheriff Office, Travis County Sheriff Office, Williamson County Sheriff Office, Georgetown Police Department, Round Rock Police Department, Pflugerville Police Department, San Marcos Police Department, Austin Fire Department, Austin/Travis County Health Department, Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services.

This action authorizes the City, as fiscal agent under the grant, to contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety for renovation and leasing of approximately 4,700 square feet in a Texas DPS building to house the fusion center known as the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC).

The ARIC will house public safety agencies from the three county Urban Area Security Initiative area (Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties). The ARIC will leverage existing relationships with local, state and federal agencies to get public safety information to emergency medical, fire service, law enforcement and public health responders and managers to improve response and mitigation of public safety events.

The requested authorization is for buildout needed to accommodate the program. The City of Austin will reimburse Texas DPS only for actual costs for the remodeling. The agreement provides for an annual lease with ten one-year automatic extensions. The annual rental is \$1 per year.

Once ARIC is operational, Texas DPS has agreed to provide parking, utilities, custodial and facility maintenance services at no cost for the term of the agreement.

Additional grant funding for technology equipment for this effort has been allocated by the Department Of Homeland Security and will be included in the City's FY2009-2010 budget.