

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 6, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract with AMERICAN EUROCOPTER, LLC, Grand Prairie, TX for the purchase of a main rotor hub for an EC120 helicopter for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$56,439.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

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

**For More Information:** Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer, 974-2035

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of two 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 purchase of a main rotor hub for the Austin Police Department's (APD) EC120 helicopter. This part is the main attachment fixture for the main rotor blades on the helicopter and, as required by Federal Aviation Administration Regulations, the part can only be in service for 6400 flight hours. The original main rotor hub currently has 6225 flight hours and needs replacement.

If the main rotor hub is not replaced in a timely manner, not only would the liability coverage on the helicopter be voided, but the City would be in violation of Federal requirements and could be civilly and/or criminally prosecuted. Additionally, the City of Austin pilot and/or mechanics' licenses could be revoked and the helicopter will be grounded until the part is replaced.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-two notices were sent, including one MBE. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE.
- c. The main rotor hub that is being replaced is the original part, therefore, there is no pricing history.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Police Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.