

AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 44**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with LASER SHOT, Stafford, TX, for a 53-foot trailer-mounted mobile shooting range for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$449,239.28.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Amended Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department, Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002.

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: Sole Source.

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 53-foot trailer-mounted mobile shooting range for the Austin Police Department (APD). The range/trailer will be transported every three to six weeks to designated secure locations citywide by a City-owned truck tractor. A rotation schedule will be updated and distributed to all law enforcement partners on a monthly basis. While at each location, the mobile range has the capacity to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Electric power similar to an RV hookup will be provided. Each location will have independent secured storage for APD practice ammunition.

The trailer will be used to improve law enforcement firearms skills and decision making capabilities by providing a controlled learning environment that will allow first responders to safely improve upon the basic skills needed to perform their duties. The range will also provide firearms training regardless of the time of the day or weather conditions; increase the frequency of firearms training by bringing the training facility to the officers; and, increase the ability of instructors to incorporate decision making skills in live-fire training situations. In addition, the mobile range will significantly decrease or eliminate the need for nighttime live-fire training at outdoor ranges within our communities.

A grant in the amount of \$410,000.00 was provided from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division. The remainder of the cost \$39,239.28 will be paid with budgeted APD Federal Forfeitures DOT Funds.

This is a sole source procurement since Laser Shot is the only manufacturer of this type equipment and live-fire technology.