

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 45**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 19-month requirements supply contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buyboard) with MILLER UNIFORMS & EMBLEMS INC., Austin, TX., for the purchase of ballistic vests for the Emergency Medical Services Department in a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$116,725.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$6,143 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding for the remaining 18 months of the original contract period 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:** Lupe Cruz, Buyer I, 974-9142

**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 will provide an estimated 250, Level-II Ballistic Vests for the Emergency Medical Services Department paramedics. Body armor is standard issue to each paramedic for use when responding to patients in threatening situations.

Level-II vests must be replaced every five years. This contract will provide replacement vests for 231 employees whose vests will reach the replacement schedule by the end of the contract term. The other estimated vests will be needed for new cadets that have not been issued a vest.

Miller Uniforms & Emblems, Inc. is contracted through Buyboard to supply these type vests to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing Buyboard contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of equipment.