

AGENDA



Thursday, January 28, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 36**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with FLIR COMMERCIAL VISION SYSTEMS INC., Goleta, CA, for the purchase of a thermal imaging/daylight camera system for the Austin Police Department helicopter in an amount not to exceed \$248,297.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Federal Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Senior 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 replacement components of the thermal imaging/daylight camera system that is currently installed in the 2001 Eurocopter 120 helicopter assigned to the Austin Police Department's Air Support Unit. The replacement system includes a FLIR Ultra 8000 camera system and MetaVUE Airborne Law Enforcement geographic information system software. The current system was acquired when the helicopter was purchased in 2002 and is over seven years old. The technology of the current system is outdated and the system has required costly repairs in the last several years.

The FLIR 8000 camera system and accompanying MetaVUE geographic information system software will provide the needed system upgrade. Many of the components in the existing camera system are interchangeable with the new system. FLIR is the sole manufacture and distributor of the FLIR Ultra 8000 camera system. The MetaVUE geographic information system software is certified for use with the FLIR 8000 camera system.

Funds were budgeted for the replacement of this thermal imaging/daylight camera system in the Federal Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund in the FY2009-2010 budget.