

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 48**

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the County Information Resources Agency, an interlocal government agency, to allow the City of Austin to participate in the CountyConnect Cooperative Purchasing Program.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Procurements under this Interlocal Agreement will not be made unless funds are available in appropriate departmental budgets. Purchases over the City Manager's authorization (currently \$52,000) will be submitted for City Council approval.

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

**For More Information:** Mick Osborne, Specialist Sr. Buyer/974-2995

**MBE/WBE:** This Interlocal Agreement is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 contract.

Related to the Fusion Project – Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC).

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This Interlocal Agreement will allow the City of Austin to participate in the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) CountyConnect Program. CountyConnect is a cooperative purchasing program created by CIRA, through which its members can procure information sharing services, using the combined purchasing power of the CIRA members to obtain the best data integration services possible at the best price. CIRA employed a Request for Proposal process to identify the best vendors for information sharing services and then negotiated the best possible terms for CIRA members. CIRA members can obtain the ability to share electronic information between otherwise incompatible systems, both within a county and between local government entities and other jurisdictions. CountyConnect is available only to CIRA members.

A team from the City of Austin has determined that the Texas criminal justice software and implementation services available through CountyConnect will meet the identified needs of the Austin Regional Intelligence Center project.

Separate actions are being presented to City Council for 1) a City membership in CIRA, 2) the purchase of criminal justice software and 3) the related implementation services.

This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.