

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 76**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with NORTHROP GRUMMAN, REMOTEC, INC., Clinton, TN for the purchase of two robotic vehicles and ancillary components for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$256,953.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Special Revenue Fund of the Management Services Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management through the 2008 State Homeland Security Program funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. 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.

The contract is for the purchase of two ANDROS manufactured bomb robot vehicles with wireless remote system to be used by the Austin Police Department Bomb Squad. The robots are designed for use outdoors and for clearing vehicles of suspicious articles of all sizes. The use of these robots has greatly reduced any potential risk to the Bomb Technicians by allowing them to work on packages and vehicles from a safe distance of about 300 feet. The Bomb Squad is a two concept team, which allows response to two separate incidents at the same time. The purchase of these robots will completely outfit both bomb squad teams. The Bomb Squad responds to requests from the 10-county region of the area.

Remotec, Inc. is the sole manufacturer and distributor for the ANDROS line of hazardous duty robots and all related upgrades, accessories, parts, refurbishments and services.