

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 80

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with STOPTECH, LTD., Harrison, OH for the purchase of 334 STOP STICK tire deflation devices for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$121,290.85.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

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: Single 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 334, nine-foot STOP STICK rack kits that will equip each Austin Police Department patrol unit with a tire deflation device. STOP STICK is the only product designed for tire deflation that offers a collapsible plastic housing which provides officer safety from the spikes during deployment. These devices are also designed for the deploying officer to utilize an 80-foot cord that protects the officer by keeping a safe distance from the road. STOP STICK deploys multi-directional spikes to ensure correct deployment on any side. Furthermore, this product is the only one available that deploys in less than 10 seconds, weighs less than four pounds, and is equipped with a trunk lid-mounting rack that allows for fast and easy access. StopTech LTD. provides a no cost replacement guaranty and a 5-year warranty on defective parts.

StopTech LTD is the sole manufacturer and distributor for STOP STICKS and accessories.