

AGENDA



Thursday, March 10, 2011

**Fire
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), College Station, Texas to conduct Structural Collapse Training Courses for the Austin Fire Department for a 12 month period in an amount not to exceed \$193,472.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), 2010 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant. The grant period is August 2, 2010 to February 28, 2013.

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

For More Information: Assistant Chief George Blackmore, 974-0136; Battalion Chief Todd Pomroy, 974-4161

The Austin Fire Department requests to enter into an interlocal agreement with Texas Engineering Extension Services (TEEX), a member of the Texas A&M University System, to provide a series of Structural Collapse Courses to train and support regional personnel committed to Urban Search and Rescue/ Structural Collapse regional response. Emergency response into these specialized environments require a unique set of knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA); The Austin UASI seeks to utilize the Texas Engineering Extension Services (TEEX), a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC), to train 100 regional Fire/ EMS/ LE officers in a series of three courses; Structural Collapse Technicians Course, Collapse Rescue Operations Course and a ICS for Structural Collapse Incidents Course. This project will continue the initial efforts made towards a USAR/Structural Collapse target capability that have been funded through the Federal Homeland Security Grants program. These courses are all part of a State / FEMA approved curriculum.

In addition, the grant funds will cover the costs associated with this training, including course fees, lodging, food, and participant overtime when appropriate.

The training is scheduled for April 11-15, 2011; May 3-10, 2011; June and July 2011 (exact dates to be determined); September 13-20, 2011; and October 11-18, 2011.