

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	7774	Agenda Number	88.
Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011				
Department:	Purc	hasing			

Subject

Approve ratification of a contract with AEROMARITIME AMERICA INC., Mesa, AZ for the emergency repair of a helicopter for the Austin Police Department for a total contract amount not to exceed \$57,596.40.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing	Emergency Purchase.
Language:	
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More	Colleen Athey, Buyer II, 972-4012
Information:	
Boards and	
Commission	
Action:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This was an Emergency Service Contract; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This emergency purchase was necessary to repair an engine turbine assembly for an Austin Police Department (APD) helicopter. This helicopter (Air 2) is the backup, or secondary, helicopter unit in use by APD. At the time of this emergency purchase, Air 2 was grounded due to a malfunctioning turbine assembly. APD's primary helicopter (Air 1) was then grounded unexpectedly for a mandatory inspection. This left APD without a functioning helicopter. Aeromaritime America Inc. provided inspection, a rental turbine, parts, and repair of the turbine assembly for Air 2.

Due to the emergency nature of this repair, formal advertised bids were not obtained in accordance with Local Government Code 252; however, an informal bidding process was conducted by APD. Five firms were contacted and Aeromaritime America Inc. submitted the lowest bid. A purchase order was issued to Aeromaritime America Inc. on June 9, 2011 in order to restore this helicopter to working order.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. No notices were sent due to the emergency nature of the project.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Police Department's award.