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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	22263	Agenda Number	25.
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Meeting Date:	March 21, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with METRO AVIATION, INC. to provide helicopter completion services for the Austin Police Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,178,560.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached

Purchasing Language:	Sole proposal received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Colleen Athey, Senior Buyer, 974-2938
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded 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 solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of completion services for the new Helicopter, American Eurocopter AS350B3e previously approved by City Council on August 23, 2012. The completion package includes the purchase and installation of a thermal imager, a searchlight, a moving map, night vision goggles, development monitors, and a cargo hook sling suspension system.

The AS350B3e helicopter can be configured and reconfigured based on different types of utility missions, including sling load operations, personnel insertions, firefighting, rescue-hoisting-extraction during flash floods, or for lost or injured persons in wilderness and green belt areas, power line inspections, and critical infrastructure surveillance. The helicopter will also include the ability to be used in fighting wildfires. The helicopter will be equipped with buckets that may be filled from various water sources. This allows the helicopter crew to operate the bucket in remote locations without the need to return to a permanent operating base, reducing the time between successive drops.

The evaluation panel consisted of uniformed and managerial staff from the Austin Police Department. They have experience with law enforcement and helicopter completions and recommended Metro Aviation, Inc. for contract award. In addition, Metro Aviation, Inc. is an American Eurocopter authorized service center and has performed numerous helicopter completions for law enforcement, EMS, and private agencies.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/0

WBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Sole proposal. The solicitation was originally advertised for a period of twenty-five days and the bid opening was extended seven days in an attempt to increase vendor interest. Other Vendors were contacted and made a business decision not to submit a bid.
- b. Twenty-six notices were sent. One proposal was received. There are no known MBE/WBEs for this commodity code.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Police Department's recommended award.
- b. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.