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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	31431	Agenda Number	16.
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Meeting Date:	March 27, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Approve the ratification of an emergency contract with REINHART & ASSOC., INC for emergency inspection and testing services for aerial devices in an amount not to exceed \$73,631.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Fleet Services Department.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Emergency Purchase to Preserve or Protect the Public Health or Safety of Municipality's Residents
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (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.
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Additional Backup Information

This purchase is for inspection and testing services for vehicles and equipment used by the Austin Fire Department, Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility and various other departments to provide services to the citizens of Austin. Inspection and testing ensures that the aerial devices, ground ladders and lifts are in safe operating condition for continued in-service use for the protection of City employees, citizens and property.

Technicians performing the inspection and testing services are required to be fully qualified and certified according to the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The previous vendor contracted to inspect and test the vehicles and equipment could not provide documentation that their technicians meet the minimum certification requirements.

Given the safety risk of not having the City's aerial devices, ground ladders, and lifts properly inspected, an emergency procurement was conducted. Of the three quotes obtained, only Reinhart and Associates met all of the certification requirements.