

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

33385

Agenda Number

41.

Meeting Date:

June 12, 2014

Department:

Purchasing

## Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements supply and service agreement with BRAZOS TECHNOLOGY to provide electronic citation and crash software, hardware, and hosting services for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$1,593,623, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$767,000 each for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$4,661,623.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,301,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Federal Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture fund of the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$97,185 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$67,200 is available in the Capital Budget of CTM-Wireless and funding in the amount of \$127,988 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General Fund, Wireless Installation and Maintenance. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing  
Language:

Sole Source

Prior Council  
Action:For More  
Information:

Dolores Castillo, Senior Buyer, 974-1771

Boards and  
Commission  
Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

Additional Backup Information

This contract with Brazos Technology, in College Station, Texas, is for the purchase of an electronic citation and crash documentation system consisting of software and hosting services, handheld citation devices, portable printers and other required hardware for an estimated 561 patrol cars used by the Austin Police Department. The contract represents "Phase II" of APD's Electronic Citations project. The initial phase of this project successfully deployed 200 systems.

This request is for a contract to complete Phase II of the project with the purchase of eCitation and eCrash devices, software, hosting and warranty services, maintenance, parts and accessories. The new contract is sized to accommodate purchases of Council-approved additions to APD's vehicle fleet and to equip the complement (425 vehicles) of APD's existing fleet. All patrol vehicles funded in Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond will be equipped with eCitation handheld ticket writers, printers, and other related tools. The new contract will also provide spending authority to equip the Austin Fire Department and the Austin Transportation Department with eCitations equipment to be purchased in Fiscal Year 2015 as budgets allow.

The electronic citation system replaces the manual process of citation issuance and citation data entry still used by a majority of APD patrol officers. Most citations are written out by an officer and then used by Municipal Court to manually input citation data into the court's judicial enforcement management system (JEMS).

The eCitation solution has proven its worth in improved officer safety, time saved conducting traffic stops, increased accuracy, reduced costs in ticket processing, and overall improved service to citizens. Electronic citations increase safety by allowing for more efficient citation issuance, thereby reducing the time an officer and citizen are parked on the side of a roadway. Citations and crash forms are more accurate since the system automatically populates fields by scanning bar codes and magnetic information strips from identification cards and vehicle registration stickers. The electronic citation system also provides for near-real time data gathering and forwarding to APD's electronic data warehouse, which facilitates data driven deployment of traffic officers. The citations are uploaded and transferred to the JEMS electronically for use in fine collection and legal proceedings. The system also provides statistical and state required reporting.

Brazos Technology is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and is the sole provider and supporter of these proprietary systems. The first phase of the project has been completed and continued reliable performance, support, and record keeping at both APD and Municipal Court require that we proceed with the Brazos eCitations solution.