**Recommendation for Council Action**

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**Meeting Date:** 8/07/2014

**Department:** Austin Fire Department

**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and The Texas A&M University System to investigate utilizing unmanned aerial vehicles and other robotics during emergency response.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is not required.

**Purchasing Language:**

**Prior Council Action:**

**For More Information:** Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief; 512-974-0130 and Richard Davis, Assistant Chief; 512-974-0133

**Boards and Commission Action:**

**MBE / WBE:**

**Related Items:**

**Additional Backup Information**

The purpose of this agreement is to institute a framework of cooperation to investigate the practicality of utilizing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and other robotics during emergency response. Both parties will provide mutual support and assistance in evaluating the benefits of unmanned aerial vehicles. These applications could generate opportunities for enhancing multi-agency coordination. The parties understand that the resources available from the City under this agreement are limited to the Austin Fire Department.