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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting		Item ID:	34137	Agenda Number	87.
Meeting Date:	August 7, 2014				
Department:	Purchasing				
Subject					
Authorize award and execution of a requirements supply contract with TYR TACTICAL LLC, to provide tactical carrier vests for the Austin Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$61,140.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$61,140 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:	Low bid of four bids received.				
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Erin D'Vincent, Senior Buyer, 512-972-4017				
Boards and Commission Action:					
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.				
Additional Backup Information					

This contract is for the purchase of 31 tactical carrier vests for the Austin Police Department (APD). Currently, APD wears two different styles of ballistic vests. The first style of their current vest is a very heavy, large vest that provides bicep, neck, groin, and torso coverage. This vest is primarily used for warrant and unscheduled SWAT calls. Although this vest provides maximum ballistic coverage, it is restrictive and retains heat during the summer months. The second style of vest has a plate carrier that holds ceramic plates in place and is designed to stop rifle rounds. This vest provides less protection but allows for more mobility. APD is seeking a single vest to perform both functions.

The tactical carrier vests being purchased have a multi-platform modular design that allows the SWAT team to change and adapt their vest with minimal effort and maximum efficiency. Officers will be able to configure their vest depending on their environment, threat, and operational requirement. The new vest has antimicrobial spacer mesh and padding which makes the vest breathable and much more comfortable during the summer heat while still having bicep, neck, groin, and torso coverage. The vest can also be scaled down to just the plate carrier if required.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

**IFB No. EAD0215
Tactical Carrier Vests
(8 line items)**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
TYR Tactical LLC Peoria, AZ	\$61,139.75
Everest Tactical Solutions, Inc. Virginia Beach, VA	\$71,083.00
Galls, LLC Lexington, KY	\$71,672.00
Miller Uniforms & Emblems, Inc. Austin, TX	\$72,891.54

A copy of the complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FSD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred forty-one notices were sent, including three WBEs. There are no MBEs registered for this commodity. Four bids were received, with no responses from the WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered is the same from the last spot purchase made in March 2014.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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