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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	37688	Agenda Number	66.
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Meeting Date:	November 20, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with TYR TACTICAL LLC, to provide tactical carrier vests for the Austin Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$83,370, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$88,003 for each extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$347,379.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$83,370 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Sole bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Erin D'Vincent, Senior Buyer Specialist, 512-972-4017
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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 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.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of 175 tactical carrier vests for the Austin Police Department (APD). In August 2014, Council approved the purchase of 65 tactical carrier vests. Due to the purchase of the 65 vests, APD Executive Staff has determined this vest will be the approved vest for both the SWAT and Organized Crime Division Units.

The reason for the change in vest earlier this year was because APD needed a new solution that included only one vest to perform both functions. APD wears two different styles of ballistic vests. The first style of 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.

The tactical carrier vests being purchased have a multi-platform modular design which allows the officers to change and adapt their vest with minimal effort and maximum efficiency. The officer 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: 0/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. EAD0217

Tactical Carrier Vests

(1 line items)

Vendor

Total Price

**TYR Tactical LLC
Peoria, AZ**

\$347,376.75

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. Sole bid received.
- b. 151 notices were sent. There are no MBEs or WBEs registered for this commodity.
- c. The pricing offered is the same from the last spot purchase approved in August 2014.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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

