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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

53211

Agenda Number

49.

Meeting Date:

December 17, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE with TOMAR ELECTRONICS, INC. for light bars, sirens, and replacement parts and accessories for public safety vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$900,000, with five 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,400,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$776,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department. Funding in the amount of \$86,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department. Funding in the amount of \$37,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Fleet Services Department. Funding for the remaining 10-months of the initial contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Cooperative Purchase

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this contract, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide a constant supply of TOMAR light bars, sirens, and replacement parts and accessories for the emergency vehicles used by the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services Department.

The TOMAR Scorpion light bar and siren system is the primary light and signaling system used for the City's marked patrol cars. The officers are trained to use the controls for the device under all operating conditions. The City's public safety departments use a unique light pattern configuration on their TOMAR light bars. Using another brand of light bar would require another control application build out to duplicate this unique pattern. During a crisis or forward deployment the interoperability of parts allows the transfer of parts from one vehicle to another, making one good patrol car out of two broken cars during a forward deployed event. The light bar and siren industry has no standardization of controls for their devices. Each manufacturer uses its own unique combination of buttons and switches to operate their equipment. Using another manufacturer would require the replacement of all the existing light bars and sirens as well as retraining of all of the officers for the operation of the new equipment.

The current contract does not expire until March 2018, however the remaining spending authority is inadequate and will soon be depleted. This new contract adequately addresses the equipment needed to properly outfit these vehicles due to the growth of the City.

TOMAR Electronic, Inc. is the manufacturer of these products and has provided deep discounts up to 40% off list prices and represents the best value to the City.