

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	72851	Agenda Number	40.
Meeting Date:	August 3, 2017				
Department:	Purc	hasing			

Subject

Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the Local Government Cooperative, administered by Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) with GT DISTRIBUTORS INC. and PRECISION DELTA CORP. to provide ammunition, for a 32-month term, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, divided between the contractors.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining 30 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined these Contractors best meet the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractors are the current providers for these goods.		
Prior Council Action:			
For More Information:	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Marty James, at 512-974-3164 or Marty.James@ austintexas.gov		
Boards and Commission Action:			
Related Items:			
MBE / WBE:	This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.		

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide ammunition for Austin Police Department (APD) officers and cadets while on duty, during firearm training, and for required annual qualifications. All APD officers are required by State statutes and departmental policies to qualify annually with each weapon they are authorized to carry, including handguns, shotguns, and rifles.

The previous contract expired March 31, 2017. Due to the expiration of the previous BuyBoard contract and the time required to put a new contract in place, there was a lapse without a contract. The department was aware of the expiration date and was able to plan accordingly. The requested authorization amounts for this contract were determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend as well as forecasting for future cadets.

The BuyBoard cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract allows APD to purchase from an established vendor network familiar with APD ammunition requirements. The BuyBoard cooperative saves expenses such as administrative costs, logistics, and procurement time making the cooperative the most viable, cost effective, and time efficient option for the City and APD.

If a contract is not secured, this can result in APD becoming non-compliant with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement rules due to an inadequate amount of ammunition available for the line of duty as well as not having ammunition to conduct required firearms trainings for cadets and mandatory annual qualifications for officers.