

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	72911	Agenda Number	40.
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Meeting Date:	August 17, 2017
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with FILM SOCIETY OF AUSTIN, INC. DBA AUSTIN FILM SOCIETY, for software and equipment, in an estimated amount of \$300,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount of \$300,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Cable Access Fund budget of the Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	Sole Source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the Film Society of Austin, Inc. dba Austin Film Society (AFS) to purchase video, audio, network, computers, software and other equipment to meet its obligations to manage the City's public access community television facility including programming channels 10, 11, and 16 carried by local cable providers. The equipment will be used to train citizens and non-profit organizations to produce local interest programming to be carried on the three public access channels and to meet the current and anticipated needs of the Austin community media center.

All funding for this contract is provided by four cable service providers as required by state law. There is a regulatory restriction that the funds can only be used for capital expenses related to Austin's public, educational, and government access channels. The resulting procurements will be on a cost reimbursement basis and are required to comply with all federal, state and local regulations, and City procurement policy and procedures. All items purchased under this contract will be utilized by AFS, but remain the property of the City.

AFS purchased equipment via a similar contract during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in coordination with its management of the City's public access community television facility. Estimated quantities and expenditures were determined by previous purchase history and forecasting for future needs. The contract will allow AFS to obtain the latest hardware, software and network technology necessary to reduce operational costs and improve the services provided to the community.

If a new contract is not secured, the City's public access community television facility would continue to operate with its current equipment, which would disrupt its capability to effectively provide community programming.

<b>FILM SOCIETY OF AUSTIN, INC. dba AUSTIN FILM SOCIETY</b>				
	<b># months</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>Contract Amendment</b>	<b>Revised Amount</b>
Original Term	12	\$ 300,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1	12	\$ 300,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2	12	\$ 300,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 3	12	\$ 300,000	n/a	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>