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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	73161	Agenda Number	39.
Meeting Date:	August 31, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, for an aircraft rescue firefighting apparatus, in an amount not to exceed \$782,444.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for this good. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the good required at the best value for the City.			
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, Jonathan Dalchau, at 512-974-2938 or Jonathan.Dalchau@ austintexas.gov			
Boards and Commission Action:	August 8, 2017 – Recommended by the Airport Advisory Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commission Member's Walewski, Bobbio, and Sepulveda absent at this vote.			
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 is for the purchase of a replacement aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) apparatus that will be housed at the fire station located at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). The apparatus is an all-wheel drive diesel powered unit capable of holding water, foam concentrate, and dry chemical for the purpose of passenger and aircraft rescue options. The purchase of this apparatus is driven by the last inspection by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Due to the age and condition of one of the existing units, the FAA expressed concerns about the reliability of that unit and suggested replacement to ensure sufficient units were available. ABIA currently has four ARFF units in-service. This contract will increase the number back to five units.

This purchase is made in accordance with the applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association 414 (2017 Edition) Standard for ARFF apparatuses, as adopted by FAA Advisory Circular 150/5220-10E Guide Specification for ARFF apparatus.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council 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.

If a contract is not secured, ABIA could be vulnerable to flight reductions/interruptions if one of the remaining units is placed out of service. FAA requirements dictate the applicable and required ratio of ARFF units to number of commercial flights.