

**Recommendation for Council Action** 

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting: June 14, 2018

Item Number: 041

## **Purchasing Office**

Authorize negotiation and execution of cooperative contracts to purchase vehicles in amounts not to exceed \$481,260 divided among the contractors. (Note: 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).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018Police Federal Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund of the Austin Police Department.
Purchasing Language	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined the contractors best meet the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <u>AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</u> <u><mailto:agendaoffice@austintexas.gov></mailto:agendaoffice@austintexas.gov></u> or to the buyer, Erin D'Vincent, at 512-974-3070 or <u>Erin.DVincent@austintexas.gov</u> <u><mailto:erin.dvincent@austintexas.gov></mailto:erin.dvincent@austintexas.gov></u> .
Client Department(s)	Austin Police Department.

## Additional Backup Information:

These contracts are for the purchase of 20 undercover vehicles for the Austin Police Department (APD) to be used in confidential investigations such as high-risk warrants, surveillance and undercover activities. Due to the confidential nature of this purchase, APD is not disclosing any additional information.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, administered by the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) cooperatives establish 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.