

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting: June 14, 2018**

Item Number: **042**

**Purchasing Office**

Authorize award and execution of a contract with GT Distributors, Inc., to provide public safety vehicle light bars and siren equipment, parts, and accessories, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$325,000. (Note: This solicitation 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 solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

<b>Lead Department</b>	Purchasing Office.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding in the amount of \$21,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Communications and Technology Management, Wireless Communication Services Division. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 6400 PAX0073 for these goods. The solicitation issued on March 26, 2018 and it closed on April 12, 2018. Of the four of offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City’s Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: <a href="https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124529">Solicitation Documents &lt;https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124529&gt;</a> .
<b>For More Information</b>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or <a href="mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov">AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov</a> <mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov> NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives,

	shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Sai Xoomsai Purcell, at 512-974-2938 or <a href="mailto:Sai.Xoomsai@austintexas.gov">Sai.Xoomsai@austintexas.gov</a> <mailto:Sai.Xoomsai@austintexas.gov>.
<b>Client Department(s)</b>	Communications and Technology Management, Wireless Communication Services Division.

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**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide Communication Technology Management's Wireless Communication Services Division (WCSD) with a constant source of new Whelen equipment, repair and replacement parts for public safety vehicle light bars and sirens. Light bars and siren equipment are used to alert traffic of potentially hazardous conditions, fast-moving vehicles, and lane closures; therefore, the safety of drivers and officers depends on the optimal functioning of these light bars. These parts and accessories will be ordered on an as-needed basis.

The contract replaces a contract which expires on June 29, 2018. The requested authorization amount was determined using the actual usage over the last two years as well as estimates of future needs.

Failure to approve this contract could result in WCSD not having the needed supplies to support public safety vehicles.