



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with POLICE EXECUTIVE RESEARCH FORUM, Washington, D.C., to provide technical assistance in the assessment of training practices of the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$69,979.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Police;

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: NA

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Sole Source.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

This contract will provide for external technical assistance in the assessment of the Austin Police Department's current training practices. The Police Executive Research Forum will conduct an in-depth evaluation of the training functions performed by the department that relate to the service needs of the community and are central to the department's mission. The purpose of this review will be to identify the department's critical training needs and assess how well current training activities match those needs. Particular emphasis will be focused on diversity training, community relations, police use of force, and the development of communications skills. The evaluation is expected to take 60-90 days.

The Police Executive Research Forum was founded in 1977 to provide research, technical assistance and training to support law enforcement organizations.