



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

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a contract with PHILIPS MEDICAL SYSTEMS, Seattle, WA, for automated external defibrillators and accessories for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$85,694.25.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Police Federal Seized Fund 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  
AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mick Osborne, Sr. Buyer/974-2995

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**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 purchase.

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This contract is for the purchase of fifty-five HeartStart FR2 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and supplies for the Austin Police Department (APD). An AED is an easy to use automated defibrillator that delivers a low-energy defibrillation shock to the heart to restore normal heart rhythm following sudden cardiac arrest.

The AEDs will be distributed to 36 Patrol Sergeant vehicles, two SWAT vehicles, three DWI Unit vehicles, two Highway Enforcement vehicles, one Downtown Rangers van, three to the Crisis Intervention Team, and eight will be permanently installed at APD facilities. Since police are often the first responders to a scene, having this equipment available will greatly increase the potential for saving lives.

Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) certified trainers will provide a four hour Adult, Infant, and Children CPR training class to APD Sergeants and officers assigned to the vehicles that will carry an AED. In addition, a minimum of eight people will be trained at each APD facility. This training will include instruction in the operation of the AED.

All emergency medical first responders operate under the medical license of Dr. Edward Racht, Medical Director for the City of Austin and Travis County. Dr. Racht has determined that only the Philips AED equipment may be used within the emergency response system in order to maintain consistency in training, equipment, and clinical efficiency. Additionally, the software used in the Philips AED interfaces with the heart monitors and defibrillators used in EMS ambulances.

Philips Medical Systems is the manufacturer of the HeartStart FR2 and is the sole distributor to fire,



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