



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

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a contract through the United States General Services Administration 1122 Program with NORITSU, Tysons Corner, VA, for the purchase of a digital photo lab system for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$127,867.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available 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**  
**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:** Purchasing Cooperative.

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This contract is for the purchase of a digital photo lab system and related accessories that will replace and upgrade features of the current Noritsu photo processing center used by the Austin Police Department (APD) Multi-Media Lab (MML). With new developments in digital technology, digital images and support equipment have become the most cost-effective way for the capture, printing and archival of photographic images. APD currently uses photographic prints and film-based archives taken from photographic film to support the casework and court evidence of APD investigations.

This purchase will add necessary digital image printing and archival. The expanded system will process images from film, photographs and printed matter, as well as all types of digital media. As part of this system, a remote digital input terminal/photo kiosk will be placed at each of the four APD substations. At the kiosk, APD investigators will be able to input digital media and print selected images. All media entered at the kiosk, whether printed or not, will be uploaded through the current Local Area Network into a main storage device and archived and maintained by the MML. This is a significant improvement over the current system where all film is brought to the MML for processing and all images photographed are printed and distributed back to the requestor. The existing process is labor intensive, time consuming and wastes chemicals and paper. This equipment will greatly reduce turnaround time for obtaining photographs, reduce the cost of consumables and enhance employee productivity.

On-site installation, training, customer support 24 hour/7 day per week, and one year parts and labor warranty are included in the purchase price.

There will be an associated cost of \$55,000 for hardware, including additional storage capacity and software, which will be purchased through a separate City contract.



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The General Services Administration (GSA) 1122 program is designed to provide law enforcement agencies with access to Federal contracts for the purchase of goods and services. Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.103, permits a local government to purchase goods and services available under Federal GSA supply schedules.