



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 33
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract through the State of Texas Multiple Awards Schedule (TXMAS) with REMOTEC, INC., Oak Ridge, TN, for the purchase of a robotic vehicle for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$147,130.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of the Office of Emergency Management (U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant).

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

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Management Services -
Office of Emergency
Management;

**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

This contract is for the purchase of an ANDROS Wolverine bomb robot vehicle with tabletop controller assembly, 1200 feet of fiber optic cable, and camera pan/tilt assembly for the Austin Police Department Explosive Ordinance Team (EOT).

The ANDROS Wolverine robot will pull a Large Vehicle Bomb Disruption Cart (high energy access disablement device) remotely. The Cart carries three 55 gallon plastic drums filled with water and a small explosive charge which are used to separate explosive components within a large suspect vehicle.

The EOT currently has two Remotec Mini-ANDROS II Robots. These mini-robots are not capable of lifting/towing large and/or heavy items; therefore APD requires this larger robot capable of additional lifting and towing capacity. The attachments and tools for the Mini-ANDROS II robots are compatible with those used for the Wolverine. Because these attachments and tools are compatible, APD can eliminate the purchase of some accessories that are normally purchased with the robot, creating fiscal and operational efficiencies. With interchangeable equipment, APD's options for field response are increased with the least amount of funds required.

This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.