

# A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 02, 2006

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### Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 27

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of an 11-month requirements supply contract through U S Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with HAGEMeyer NORTH AMERICA, Charleston, SC, for the purchase of Level A Hazmat suits and supplies in an amount not to exceed \$74,045, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$35,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$144,045

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$74,045 is available in the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, 2005 Homeland Security Grant program. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

#### Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

**For More Information:** Brad Brill, Associate Buyer, 972-4012

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative Purchase.

This contract is for the purchase of Level A Hazmat suits and related accessories for the Austin Fire Department (AFD). Level A suits are worn by fire fighters to fully encapsulate and protect them from exposure to toxic chemicals, biological toxins, and military warfare agents which come in the form of solid, liquid, or gas.

AFD personnel wear Level A suits when they are dispatched to an emergency call involving unknown chemicals or gases so they can safely secure the site by using chemical monitoring equipment to identify unknown agents for proper handling and disposal. Level A suits are worn only once and then disposed of after the incident. This contract is required to replenish stock on a continual basis and to maintain the current level of protection.

This cooperative purchasing program was established as a national structure for local government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power and is authorized under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.