**Thursday, April 22, 2010**

**Purchasing Office**                                                                                                    **Item No. 24**
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a contract with COGENT SYSTEMS, INC., South Pasadena, CA, for the purchase of additional hardware, software, and services in an amount not to exceed $250,700, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed $836,400.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of $223,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department, Federal Forfeitures DOT Fund. Funding in the amount of $27,200 is available from a US Department of Justice State Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant.

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

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**Purchasing Language:** Sole Source.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 solicitation.

**Prior Council Action:** December 11, 2008, Ratified a 6-month requirements service contract and approved a 30-month requirements service contract.

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This contract is for the purchase of hardware, software, services, and maintenance for the Automated Palm and Fingerprint Identification System (APFIS), which contains over one million records and interfaces with two live scan workstations housed in the Travis County Justice Center. The system allows the capture, electronic transmittal, and search of finger and palm prints.

The Austin Police Department (APD) has assisted three local agencies in the implementation of their own APFIS programs. The agencies (Williamson County, City of Round Rock, and Travis County) submit arrest records to the APD database, thus creating a "regional" database. All agencies connected are able to conduct latent and ten-print searches of all arrest records within the jurisdiction of the four agencies.

This proposed Amendment No. 1 is for the purchase of an additional latent print workstation and an additional programming matching accelerator (PMA), a very high speed server which can handle extremely large databases.
The APD Forensic Division received grant funding to add another Cogent Automated Palm and Fingerprint Identification System latent print workstation to meet high demand.  With the recent implementation of BlueCheck devices (hand-held fingerprinting devices used by officers in the field) and this additional workstation in the crime record section, the sole PMA will be pushed to its limit. Currently, response times from searches launched by the APD latent print and crime record sections, the Round Rock Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, APD BlueCheck transactions, as well as the Live ID program the Travis County Jail is in the process of implementing, are all being impacted.

The second PMA will be needed to support the new workstation. This will allow all priority searches to be placed on one PMA while other searches are placed on the second PMA, ensuring that there are no delays in response times. The second PMA would also assist with meeting system requirements for establishing search links to the Texas Department of Public Safety's fingerprint database and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's fingerprint database for our BlueCheck program.

Cogent Systems, Inc. is the sole provider of system software and hardware that support the APFIS system.