

AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 50**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract through the County Information Resources Agency CountyConnect Cooperative Purchasing Program with SIERRA SYSTEMS, INC., Austin, TX, for services related to the implementation of criminal justice software in an estimated amount not to exceed \$234,612.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Special Revenue Fund, Urban Area Security Initiative Grant.

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

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MBE/WBE: This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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 contract.

Boards and Commission Action: Urban Area Working Group approved acceptance of this grant.

Related to the Fusion Project – Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC).

Prior Council Action: August 8, 2008, accepted grant funding as part of the FY 2008-2009 budget process. August 4, 2009, approved an interlocal agreement with Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to lease space from DPS for the Austin Regional Intelligence Center.

This contract is for the purchase of services related to the implementation of software (Metamomix Mtx Justice Data Xchange) that will allow the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) to accept criminal justice files from our partner public safety agencies in the Austin urban area. This contract for services will deliver project, training, and deployment plans, deployment, acceptance testing, documentation, training, and other services related to the implementation of this software.

Each partner agency uses a different brand of records management system software; therefore, a means to easily combine law enforcement records management system data was needed. The software will provide ARIC the capability to accept, standardize, and normalize law enforcement records management system files so that these records can be combined for region-wide analysis.

The ARIC project team, composed of representatives of the partner agencies (Austin Police Department, Hays County Sheriff's Office, Travis County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Austin Independent School District Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, Round Rock Police Department, Pflugerville Police Department, San Marcos Police Department, and the University of Texas at Austin Police Department), reviewed a number of software products and system integrators and selected this option. This decision was based upon lower cost, the vendor's previous experience with criminal justice systems, current use of the product in Texas, and positive reviews from references. Sierra

Systems has experience implementing the Metatomix software for the Los Angeles Police Department, Office of the Supreme Court of Florida, the State of Connecticut, and the Texas Association of Counties.

Separate actions are being presented to City Council for 1) membership in the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA), 2) participation in the CIRA CountyConnect Cooperative Purchasing Program and 3) purchase of the Metatomix software.