

AGENDA



Thursday, November 18, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with VIDACARE, Shavano Park, TX for the purchase of EZ-IO® intraosseous infusion supplies for the Emergency Medical Services Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$173,873, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$173,873 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$521,619. Vidacare is the single source for these supplies.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$144,894 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Funding for the remaining two months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer/974-2035

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

This contract is for the purchase of supplies for EZ-IO® intraosseous infusion systems for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department. Each ambulance in the Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Service (ATCEMS) is currently equipped with this system that allows an intraosseous needle to be drilled into the interior of a patient's bone to deliver fluids and medications to the central circulatory system. This tool is used to obtain emergency vascular access for patients in whom peripheral IV access is difficult or impossible.

All field staff are trained on this model and replacement equipment and supplies must be compatible with the existing stock to ensure the interoperability and a uniform standard of training and practice.

Vidacare is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the EZ-IO® intraosseous infusion system and supplies for the state of Texas.