

AGENDA



Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 45**

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 13-month requirements supply contract with AVRIO RMS GROUP, LLC, Easton, MD, through an Interlocal Agreement with the City and County of Denver, CO, for the purchase of public safety street cameras, installation, maintenance, training, and support in an estimated amount not to exceed \$569,629, as part of Austin Police Department's "H.A.L.O." (High Activity Location Observation) Public Safety Camera project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department.

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

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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). This Interlocal Agreement is exempt from the MBE/WBE Program; therefore, no goals were established for this contract. However, Avrio has identified 8.0% MBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Related to Items #32 and #44.

This contract is for the purchase and implementation of a public safety camera system to aid the Austin Police Department (APD) in deterring, detecting, and investigating crime in the downtown business district and other areas of the City. This system will be part of an ongoing effort to reduce crime in "hot spot" areas in central Austin. The central business district is essential to the economic well-being of Austin, and APD is committed to using advancements in wireless and wired IP video and networking to make downtown a safer place to live, work, and visit.

The scope of the project will include system design, equipment purchase, delivery, installation, and maintenance. The camera system will cover designated portions of downtown Austin, the IH-35/Rundberg Lane area, and may be extended to other areas of interest within the City. The design of the system will ensure coverage of predefined areas. A list of preferred camera locations will be identified, focusing on high-crime hot spots downtown and in other areas of the City. The cameras and supporting equipment will be in an outdoor environment, mounted on publicly-owned poles, towers, and/or buildings. The components being considered for this system are "commercial off-the-shelf" rather than one-of-a-kind, proprietary, or custom-made for the City.

The project will be implemented in phases. This action will implement Phases I and II. Phase I will provide for the installation of necessary network and storage infrastructure and will implement four video cameras as well as provide related training and on-site support. Contingent upon the successful implementation of Phase I, implementation of an additional 27 cameras will follow in Phase II. If Phase I is not successful, further research of cameras and other system components will be undertaken before further expenditures are made. Contingent upon the successful technical implementation of Phases I and II, and receipt of additional grants or other funding sources, future phases of the project will ensue. These will include additional camera locations along with necessary enhancements of network capacity to support additional

cameras, expand the number of camera command-and-control locations, and provide additional camera viewing locations as required by the City and APD.

Grant funds will be used to fund the contract with Avrio at an estimated amount of \$513,505, though that total may increase depending on APD's camera requirements following implementation of Phase 1, up to an amount not to exceed \$569,629. The Public Safety Camera Project will require additional equipment and services including: servers, work stations, monitors, electrical and cabling services, and other necessary items. These purchases will be made from existing City of Austin contracts and State of Texas cooperative purchasing agreements using additional grant funds.

An RCA requesting acceptance of the Downtown Austin Alliance Grant is on a related RCA on this agenda.