

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: 051

Purchasing Office

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with StarChase, LLC, to provide a pursuit management technology solution and equipment including installation, training, software support, and warranty services, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$130,140. (Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$74,640 is available in the Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Fiscal Year 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	Sole Source.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Sai Xoomsai Purcell, at 512-974-3058 or Sai.Xoomsai@austintexas.gov .
Client Department(s)	Austin Police Department.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2013, the Austin Police Department (APD) participated in a successful pilot program of the StarChase pursuit management technology (SCPMT) global positioning system (GPS) for patrol vehicles. This contract will provide 15 SCPMT systems, 10 replacement and five new, including installation, training, software support, warranty services and the de-installation and removal of the existing StarChase legacy system used in the pilot program.

The SCPMT is a real time tagging and tracking tool. This system consists of a compressed air launcher mounted on the grill of the patrol vehicle that deploys a projectile or tag onto the suspect vehicle. The tag contains a GPS module embedded in a customized adhesive compound. The system is a less-lethal technology that provides a tactical advantage to patrol officers in high-risk pursuit situations. The officer is able to deploy the GPS module from inside the patrol vehicle while continuing to track the location of the suspect vehicle in real time using a web-based mapping program. This equipment reduces the need for a marked unit to continue being engaged in a potentially dangerous pursuit thus resulting in increased safety for the officer and the public. This technology will be divided between the APD Patrol divisions only and will not be utilized in the APD Highway divisions. The Austin Police Department (APD) will use the pursuit technology and equipment only during vehicle pursuits. APD will not use this technology and equipment to gather evidence for ongoing criminal investigation or for surveillance. APD will deploy the technology and equipment among its several patrol divisions.

StarChase, LLC is the sole and exclusive manufacturer of the SCPMT and is the sole provider of parts, service, and support. The SCPMT system includes proprietary software that allows an officer to tag and track a suspect vehicle in virtually any situation.

If the contract is not approved, APD officers will not have the upgraded GPS remote activation devices that are crucial during high-risk pursuit situations. This feature is not currently available in the existing devices.