



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Southwest Solutions Group Inc., for the purchase and installation of two evidence lockers, in an amount not to exceed \$113,970.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Police Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this cooperative purchase program and contractor best meet the needs of the departments to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is for the purchase and installation of evidence lockers to replace existing lockers. The proposed lockers will increase storage space and include a sophisticated secure locking system. Each locker system has separate compartments varying in size to accommodate a vast array of evidence including money, narcotics, and weapons.

The Sourcwell cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by

leveraging volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

The requested authorization amount was determined based on quoted product price.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the City may need to store evidence in locations that do not offer the appropriate level of security.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety.