



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2432, Agenda Item #: 57.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Austin Equestrian Center for used farm equipment and machinery in an amount not to exceed \$104,460.

(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

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

Prior Council Action:

February 3, 2022 - Council approved a contract to acquire the Austin Equestrian Center, item 16, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of used farm equipment, general appliances, tools, and machinery for the exclusive "as is" sale to the Austin Police Department (APD). On February 3, 2022, Council approved the acquisition of the Austin Equestrian Center including all facilities and structures on the property such as turnout pastures, two covered round pens, and a breezing track for the APD Mounted Patrol Unit. The acquisition includes a total of 61.687 acres to house 14 employees and 16 horses.

The equipment proposed for purchase has been in use by APD since February 2021 when the APD Mounted Patrol Unit relocated to the Austin Equestrian Center during Winter Storm Uri under a short-term lease. The equipment will continue assisting staff with efficiently maintaining the property and completion of daily operational tasks. The APD will also realize significant cost savings by purchasing the equipment. City staff have inspected the equipment and certified it to be in good operational condition and adequate for city use.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the APD will need to purchase new equipment resulting in an inability to realize cost savings from this purchase. In addition, it will take significantly more time and personnel to

complete the daily tasks outlined above which increases the risk of injury to City employees and does not allow for proper maintenance of the site.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.