Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with DELL COMPUTER, Austin, TX., through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources Go DIRect program for the purchase of Tipping Point Unity One-400 Intrusion Prevention System and a 12-month maintenance service agreement in an amount not to exceed $119,502, with three 12-month maintenance extension options in an amount not to exceed $22,812 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed $187,938.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of $119,502 is available in the Communications and Technology Management's portion of the State Homeland Security Program Grant. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Financial and
Administrative Services -
Communications and
Technology
Management;

DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Cooperative Purchasing.

MBE / WBE: N/A

This contract will provide the City of Austin with critical security tools for use by the Austin Police Department (APD) and the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center (CTECC). The Tipping Point Unity One-400 is a network Intrusion Prevention System. The system sits in-line on the network and blocks malicious attacks from hackers, worms, and spyware, as well as cleans the network of extraneous traffic that may cause network bottlenecks. This purchase is part of an on-going Homeland Security effort to prevent attacks against public safety networks. These security devices will be placed at the internet network perimeter located at Waller Creek (CTM), at APD, and CTECC facilities.

Intrusion prevention systems are able to block more sophisticated attacks than the standard firewalls currently installed in the networks. They are an essential layer of security for any modern network. Without these systems the City would leave itself open to future attacks, intentional or unintentional.