



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with AIR INSTRUMENTATION, INC., Round Rock, TX, for a one time purchase of gas monitoring equipment and a four-year maintenance agreement for the Austin Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$139,619.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Office for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT:for Fire;

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Corliss Miller, Buyer II/972-4017

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

This is a one-time purchase for radiation detection and gas monitoring equipment including a four-year maintenance agreement for the Austin Fire Department (AFD). It is the goal of this grant-funded program to acquire and place in service equipment to be used by AFD personnel to detect radiological particles / energy and / or gas agents. The equipment is used to identify flammable / combustible gases, and / or radiation that presents an unsafe working environment for emergency workers. Gases and / or radiation need to be identified by type and quantity, i.e., sites involving natural gas leaks, sewer line maintenance or any place where chemical are stored, such as warehouses, truck trailers or train cars.

The City of Austin has received funding from the 2004 Domestic Preparedness/TEEX (Texas Engineering Extension Service) state homeland security grant.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 0/0

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION
IFB # CO05100017**

Gas Monitoring Equipment and Four-Year Maintenance Agreement

**VENDOR NAME
AIR INSTRUMENTATION INC.
ROUND ROCK, TX**

**BID TOTAL
\$139,619.00**

Concept Controls
Richland Hills, TX

\$200,842.00

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a) Adequate competition.
- b) Twenty-nine notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBE firms listed for this commodity code. Six solicitations were sent. Two bids were received.
- c) This is a first time purchase; therefore, there is no price history.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a) Lowest bidder.
- b) The Fire Department concurs with the recommended award
- c) Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.