



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 31
AGENDA DATE: Thu 09/01/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with L-3 COMMUNICATIONS MOBILE-VISION, INC., Boonton, NJ, for the purchase of transmitters and trunk vault systems for in-car cameras for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$80,235.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$70,485 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding in the amount of \$9,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Police Federal Seized Fund Budget of the Austin Police Department.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Police;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mick Osborne, Senior Buyer/974-2995

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Sole Source.

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 contract is for the purchase of 300 Mobile-Vision VoiceLink Plus personal transmitters and five System 7 vaults with VCRs for use with the in-car video/audio systems currently used by the Austin Police Department. The transmitters are worn by the police officer to record audio to the recording system housed in the vehicle and allow officers mobility upon exiting the vehicle. These transmitters are to be issued to the upcoming cadet class (150), officers assigned to Street Response Units (81) and District Representatives (54). The remaining 15 units will be kept in inventory as spares.

The five System 7 vaults with VCRs (recording units that are housed in the vehicle trunks) are being purchased as spares to use as replacements when an in-car camera system is in for repair. By having these components on hand the downtime of the vehicle that requires a replacement will be decreased.

L-3 Communications Mobile-Vision is the manufacturer and sole distributor of these products.