



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0777, Agenda Item #: 26.

5/22/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for firearms, parts, and accessories for Austin Police Department with Cats Arms, LLC d/b/a Sionics Weapon Systems in an amount not to exceed \$852,120. Funding: \$852,120 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Police State Contraband Asset Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$852,120 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Police State Contraband Asset Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids IFB 8700 AAM1011 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on January 27, 2025, and closed on February 18, 2025. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best value offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=142072.

MBE/WBE:

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

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of firearms, parts, and accessories to replace the aging inventory of existing duty rifles for patrol officers and the Counter Attack Strike Team (CAST) of the Austin Police Department. As with all city owned firearms, the aging inventory will be decommissioned according to the direction outlined in Resolution 20180510-047.

The AR-15 duty rifle can be configured in several ways to accomplish a number of life-saving missions. The rifles will be assigned to officers to be carried in patrol vehicles for strategic deployment in active shooter or active attack situations and high-risk warrant apprehensions and hostage incidents. CAST is a multi-discipline response team comprised of officers and other public safety entities which provide a coordinated response to mass casualty events. This equipment needed to meet the expectations of partner agencies to ensure their safety when critical incidents occur and to secure first responder operations during mass casualty events.

This is a one-time purchase could impact the replacement schedule putting officers and partner first responders at risk during critical incidents.