



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0460, Agenda Item #: 12.

4/10/2025

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for rifles and rifle equipment for the Austin Police Department with IMS Supply, LLC d/b/a Hodge Defense Systems in an amount not to exceed \$270,492. Funding: \$202,876 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Police State Contraband Asset Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department and \$67,616 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Police State Gambling Asset Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

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Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 8700 AAM1010 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on November 25, 2024, and closed on December 17, 2024. Of the seven 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=141871.

MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded 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 and no availability of M/WBEs; 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 rifles and rifle equipment, parts, and accessories to replace the aging inventory of existing rifles and standardize a replacement cycle based on the anticipated five-year service life or 50,000 rounds for the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team 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 Hodge Defense MOD 2 is utilized by the police department in life-saving missions such as, high risk search warrants, vehicle assaults, hostage rescues, and active shooter situations. The SWAT team averages approximately 100 high risk level operations annually. This specific weapon will allow officers to deploy operations from a longer standoff distance minimizing the potential for loss of life.

A delay in contract approval could impact the replacement schedule and risk the safety of the SWAT officers.