



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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2/5/2026

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### Posting Language

Authorize a contract for tactical carrier vests for Austin Police with TYR Tactical LLC for an initial term of three years with up to two 1-year extension options for a total contract amount not to exceed \$510,000. Funding: \$68,000 is available in the Operating Budget of the Austin Police. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

### Client Department(s)

Austin Police.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$68,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of the Austin Police.

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### Procurement Language:

Austin Financial Services issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 8700 EAB1015 for these goods. The solicitation was published on September 29, 2025, and closed on October 28, 2025. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at [https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/af0/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=143099](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/af0/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=143099).

### 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 Austin Financial Services - 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 multi-piece tactical carrier vests with accessories to replace expiring vests as needed for the Austin Police Special Weapons and Tactics Team and Organized Crime Division.

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The tactical carrier vests have a multi-platform modular design which allows Austin Police officers to change and adapt the vest with minimal effort and maximum efficiency, while still providing ballistic bicep, neck, groin, and torso coverage. Officers will be able to configure the vest depending on the environment, threat level, and operational requirement. The vest has antimicrobial spacer mesh and padding, making it breathable and more comfortable during the summer months, and it can be scaled down to a plate carrier if required.

This contract will replace the existing contract which expires on February 19, 2026. The requested authorization amount was determined using the current inventory of vests and their expiration dates as well as estimated future requirements.

If a contract is not secured, the City will not have a reliable source for tactical carrier vests which will cause safety concerns for Austin Police force.

**Contract Details:**

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$306,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$102,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$102,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$510,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.