



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0911, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

6/5/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for portable digital x-ray systems and accessories for the Austin Police Department with Novo DR Inc., for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000. Funding: \$201,800 is available in the Special Revenue Fund of the Management Services Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, \$180,114 is available in the Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department Federal Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Funds, and \$15,902 is available in the 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$201,800 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund of the Management Services Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Funding in the amount of \$180,114 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department Federal Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Funding in the amount of \$15,902 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

MBE/WBE:

Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); 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.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of digital x-ray systems and associated components including a tablet, detector, and generator for use by the Austin Police Department (APD) Bomb Squad. The NOVO Tactical III is a compact and lightweight device that produces real time high resolution digital images to safely examine

internal contents of suspected explosive devices and suspicious packages, providing a more defined and multi-angle view during responses to critical incidents within the Austin and Capital Area Council of Governments regional service areas. The proposed equipment will replace inoperable systems.

Novo DR Inc. is the sole manufacturer, has exclusive distribution rights, and is authorized to market, sell, service, warranty, and train on NOVO Digital Radiography products.

Previous purchases were made on a one-time basis; however, APD has since determined that, to better support community safety, additional devices will be required over the next five years.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, APD will use obsolete equipment which may impact their ability to determine possible threats to the public.