

# Mayor and Council Communication

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**LOG NAME:** 13PILA AUSTIN MOBILE SECURITY PATROL SERVICES PED MC

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Good Guard Texas, Inc. Using an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin in an Amount Up to \$600,000.00 for the Initial Term and Authorize Three One-Year Renewal Options for the Same Amount to Provide Mobile Security Patrol Services for the Public Events Department

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council authorize execution of an agreement with Good Guard Texas, Inc. using an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin in an amount up to \$600,000.00 for the initial term and authorize three one-year renewal options for the same amount to provide Mobile Security Patrol Services for the Public Events Department.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Public Events Department approached the Purchasing Division to finalize an agreement for Mobile Security Patrol Services for the Will Rogers Memorial Center (WRMC) and the Fort Worth Convention Center (FWCC). The department requires quality mobile security patrol services to monitor secured and unsecured facilities and City areas to ensure that all visitors, employees, infrastructure, and equipment are safeguarded. The services will include scheduled and un-scheduled mobile security patrols, facility security checks, and on-call security patrol services for multiple City sites. During the course of this agreement, other departments may request services. Therefore, this agreement will also allow for those purchases.

In August 2022, the City of Austin processed a Bid (IFB 5000 RGW1007) for Mobile Security Patrol Services. The solicitation was advertised in the *Statesman* newspaper on August 1, 2022 and August 8, 2022; seven (7) responses were received. An evaluation team scored each proposal and awarded the agreement to Blue Chip Services, LLC d/b/a Blue Chip Services, The Michaelson Group Holdings LLC d/b/a Cosmec Security Agency, and Good Guard Security, Inc. Good Guard Security, Inc. filed a Certificate of Amendment with the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas (Filing#:804519787) on August 2, 2023 changing its entity name to Good Guard Texas, Inc.

In August 2023, Fort Worth Purchasing staff requested quotes from the three awarded vendors. The Michaelson Group Holdings LLC d/b/a Cosmec Security Agency did not respond to emails or voicemails. It was determined that Good Guard Texas, Inc. met all the City's needs. Good Guard Texas, Inc. employs 4,000 full-time and 2,000 part-time security officers. Additionally, each shift has a stand-by team to ensure coverage, the firm will provide a management software (InstaTrack) that includes geolocation, a fully staffed 24/7 dispatch operation center, and a variety of activity reports easily accessible by City designated users. The 24/7 DIPS Command Center provides services through the day and after hours to monitor all field operations to ensure all active posts are being serviced promptly and correctly.

State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a Interlocal Agreement satisfies state laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. The City of Austin conducted competitive bidding for the contract in August 2022 (IFB 5000 RGW1007).

**FUNDING:** The award amount allowed under this agreement will be \$600,000.00, however the actual amount used will be based on the need of the department and available budget. Funding is budgeted in the Other Contractual Services account within the Culture & Tourism Fund for the Public Event Department, as appropriated.

**BUSINESS EQUITY:** A M/WBE goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or public entity.

**AGREEMENT TERMS:** Upon Council approval, the agreement will begin upon execution and expire on February 28, 2025.

**RENEWAL TERMS:** The agreement may be renewed at the City's option for three (3) additional one-year renewal terms, in line with the City of Austin contract terms. Renewal of this agreement by the City does not require specific City Council approval, provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER:** An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation, funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Culture and Tourism Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Public Events Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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