

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

AGENDA DATE: 03/22/2011

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Bruce D. Collins, Purchasing Manager at 915-541-4308
Eric Shelton, Assistant Chief of Police at 915-564-7309

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

The El Paso Police Department requests City Council approval for the purchase of three (3) Ballistic Armored Tactical Transport (B.A.T.T.) vehicles from The Armored Group, LLC. The costs are \$100,000.00 per vehicle for a total of \$300,000.00. This purchase will be done using the U.S. General Services Administration's (G.S.A.) contract number GS-07F-9375S. Grant funds will be used to purchase these vehicles.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The B.A.T.T. vehicles offer ballistic protection for citizens and/or El Paso Police officers. These vehicles will be used during critical incidents. Funds are provided via grant "Operation Border Security FY11" which will expire on March 31, 2011; grant was awarded and active for approximately 30 days. This grant's sole purpose was for the purchase of specialty vehicles. The B.A.T.T. vehicles use for critical incidents such as active shooter, suicidal subjects, barricaded subjects, and Officer down rescues should not be confused for the use of the armored vehicle used by the Bomb Squad.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

A Ballistic Armored Tactical Transport (B.A.T.T.) has not been purchased. A specialized grant funded armored vehicle for use by the Bomb Squad was approved by Council on April 7, 2009, Item 9A.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The funding source is Operation Border Security FY11, account number 21150002-21000-G211136-05374-508054.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

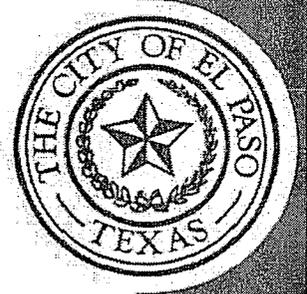
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(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

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TO: Bruce D. Collins, Purchasing manager (915) 541-4308

FROM: Gregory K. Allen, Chief of police (915) 564-7308

Authorized Signature

DATE: 03/01/2011

RE: Ballistic Armored Tactical Transport (B.A.T.T.)

1. Is there an urgent need for the product/service? In other words, is time of the essence?

The increased availability of high powered automatic weapons, and the willingness of the criminal element to use them, demonstrates an urgent need for this product. The B.A.T.T. can withstand automatic high powered weapons fire giving Officers the ability to safely approach an active shooter incident.

2. Does the purchase through the Program promote the standardization of equipment?

Yes, the purchase of this equipment standardizes the capabilities of the El Paso Police Department.

3. Does the purchase through the Program support local business? If not, is there a comparable product/service available locally?

No, the listed specialized equipment is not sold locally. There is not a comparable product or service locally available.

4. Do the available vendors have prior work experience and/or familiarity with the City?

No.

5. Is the pricing reasonable as compared to other similar products/work performed for the City of El Paso in the past or as quoted from other companies?

Yes, extensive research was conducted by the Criminal Intelligence Unit and found that this vendor and item offers capabilities that are beneficial to the citizens of El Paso and the El Paso Police Department.

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TO: Chief Greg Allen (via chain of command)
FROM: Detective Jose Guerra #1790
DATE: December 13, 2010
RE: B.A.T.T. (Ballistic Armored Tactical Transport) Vehicle

The Ballistic Armored Tactical Transport (B.A.T.T.) vehicle offers ballistic protection for Officers of the El Paso Police Department and the citizens of El Paso. The vertical panels and all windows are armored to defeat multi-hit 7.62 x 39mm and 7.62 x 51mm rounds. As recent events in Mexico have shown, there has been an increased use of high powered weapons against law enforcement. This has caused a need within the El Paso Police Department for a vehicle that can withstand automatic weapons fire during acts of narco-terrorism. Due to the proximity of the border to the City of El Paso, the B.A.T.T. would provide a vital instrument for rescuing citizens, while maximizing Officer safety, from any spillover gun fire into the City of El Paso. The versatility of the B.A.T.T. also allows it to be utilized during critical incidents such as active shooter, suicidal subjects, barricaded subjects, and Officer down rescues.

The Criminal Intelligence Unit is requesting the purchase of three vehicles using Border Security Grant funding. The vehicles would be stationed at opposing ends of the City at a Regional Command Center. This would provide citywide coverage and allow for an immediate response.

Detective Jose Guerra #1790
Criminal Intelligence Unit

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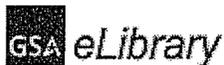
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Contract #:	GS-07F-9375S	Socio-Economic :	Small business
Contractor:	ARMORED GROUP, LLC, THE	EPLS :	Contractor not found on the Excluded Parties List System
Address:	5221 N SADDLEROCK DR PHOENIX, AZ 85018-1820	Govt. Contracting Officer:	Don L. Miller
Phone:	(602)840-2271	Phone:	817-850-8136
E-Mail:	paz@armoredcars.com	E-Mail:	don.miller@gsa.gov
Web Address:	http://www.armoredcars.com		

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84	TOTAL SOLUTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, FIRE, RESCUE, CLOTHING, MARINE CRAFT AND EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESPONSE	GS-07F-9375S		Feb 29, 2015	426 5B 426 99	

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