



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: August 21, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language: Approve order exempting the purchase of Zumro Air Shelters from Progressive Emergency Products, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to section 262.024(a)(2) of the County Purchasing Act.

- **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Purchasing concurs with department and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

This Exemption Order is for a public safety exemption pursuant to section 262.024 (a)(2) of the County Purchasing Act. The Travis County Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase two Zumro Air Shelters, Model 216, from Progressive Emergency Products.

These air shelters are for use in response to emergencies and disasters in locations where shelter is either non-existent or damaged and unusable. The shelters can be used for a variety of purposes to include command and control of incidents, rehab for responders, medical aid station, and aiding victims of disasters.

Currently there are approximately 400 Zumro Air Shelters in the state of Texas belonging to first responders throughout the state. The Texas Forest Service as well as several jurisdictions within the central Texas region including Austin Fire, Round Rock Police Department, New Braunfels and the City of San Antonio all have Zumro Air Shelters from Progressive Emergency Products. As regional and state partners with these agencies, interoperability of our equipment is a valuable resource. These systems are designed so that they can be connected together to expand the capabilities based on the requirements of the situation.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

➤ **Contract-Related Information:**

Award Amount: \$49,914.24

Contract Type: One time purchase

➤ **Funding Information:**

Shopping cart 100008546 in SAP:

Funding Account(s):

Comments:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Travis County Purchasing

FROM: Margaret H Seville, Research and Planning

SUBJECT: Public Safety Exemption for Zumro purchase

The Travis County Sheriff's Office is requesting an exemption from the Competitive Procurement Process due to a public safety exemption. The Travis County Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase two Zumro Air Shelters, Model 216, from Progressive Emergency Products.

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When an incident expands and contracts, having the same equipment as our partners, we will allow us to connect and disconnect shelters to provide appropriate space to handle the requirements of the mission. Incidents don't typically happen in perfect weather and having shelter that is of the appropriate size to handle the needs at the time is critical to serving victims and getting services returned to normal as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 854-9804.

**ORDER EXEMPTING
PURCHASE OF ZUMRO AIR SHELTERS FROM PROGRESSIVE
EMERGENCY PRODUCTS
FROM REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas has received a Public Safety Justification from the Travis County Sheriff's Office and an Affidavit of Public Safety sworn and submitted by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, 262.024 (a) (2) and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas finds that there is a need to protect the safety of the residents of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas hereby orders that the purchase of Zumro Air Shelters from Progressive Emergency Products is exempt from the requirements of the County Purchasing Act because it is a purchase needed to protect the safety of the residents of the County.

Signed and entered this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge
Travis County, Texas

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Commissioner, Precinct 1

Sarah Eckhart
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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