

AGENDA



Thursday, May 24, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 18**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with Workplace Resource of Austin, Austin, TX, for the layout design and installation of existing modular furniture and the purchase and installation of additional modular furniture, in an amount not to exceed \$116,841.06.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Improvement Project Fund of the Finance and Administrative Services Department, Building Services Division.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer, 974 2035

Purchasing Language: Purchasing Cooperative.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for design, purchase, and installation of 37 Herman Miller modular workstations to be purchased under the U.S. Communities contract (Contract No. RQ07-878957-20A) and will be used by the Austin Police Department's Family Violence unit. This unit, currently located in leased space at Twin Towers, 5100 Clayton Lane, will be moved to the City's Technicenter site at 4101 Ed Bluestein.

Once the move is complete, the Family Violence unit will be housed with the Police Department's Child Abuse and Sex Crimes units, consolidating these separate units under the same chain of command for the first time in more than 12 years.

Workstations will be constructed with existing inventory and supplemented with additional pieces and components necessary to complete the workstations.

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (GPA) was established as a national structure for government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power, and this purchase is authorized under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.

The method used for the solicitation issued by the County of Fairfax, Virginia was through a competitive sealed bid and award process. The contract became available to government agencies nationwide on May 1, 2007.