

AGENDA



Thursday, June 7, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 47**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 6 to a contract with the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF OB/GYN, Galveston, TX, to purchase additional obstetrical/gynecological services and increase the current contract period in an estimated amount not to exceed \$43,472, and increase the remaining two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$86,944 per extension option, for a revised estimated total contract amount not to exceed \$2,056,663.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$86,944 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Community Care Services Department. Funding for the remaining extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Barbara McConnell, Buyer II, 972-4009

Purchasing Language: Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Public Health & Safety Exemption; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for the solicitation.

Prior Council Action: August 5, 2004 – Approved 12-month original contract with four 12-month extension options for the purchase of professional obstetrical/gynecological services.

On August 5, 2004, Council approved a 12-month service contract in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 to provide obstetrical/gynecological services, with four 12-month extension options.

This contract amendment will provide the Community Care Services Department (CCSD) the ability to acquire additional ultrasound services for its obstetrical patients at the Northeast Austin Community Health Center (CHC). The Northeast Austin CHC is the only clinic that has ultrasound equipment; therefore, all prenatal patients are seen at this clinic.

Allowing CCSD to engage the University of Texas Medical Branch's OB/GYN physicians will increase the level of ultrasound services for prenatal patients. This will both reduce wait time and improve the quality of prenatal care.