

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 71**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month supply agreement with INTELLIGENT PRODUCTS Inc., Burlington, KY, for pet waste management Mutt Mitts and their dispensers for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, in an amount not to exceed \$75,616 annually, with three 12-month extension options in the amount not to exceed \$75,616 per extension, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$453,696.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$12,603 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding for the remaining ten months of the original contract period and 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: Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2021

Purchasing Language: Sole Source

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in accordance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This agreement will double the annual quantity of "Mutt Mitts" the City will be able to provide for its Scoop the Poop Program. The Program has provided pet waste pickup bags in Austin's parks and trails for the last seven years. Because this program has been so successful, the City's current contract authorized annual amount of \$42,276 has been nearly depleted in just three months. Projections based on the quantities for refills of the dispensers requested tell us the Program will support the increased quantities of this agreement.

The Water Quality Education program encourages cleaner parks and prevents bacteria from entering Austin's creeks and lakes. In Fiscal Year 2006, nearly one million mitts were purchased. This would be the equivalent of removing 250,000 lbs. of bacteria-laden feces from our waterways.

The City is required to utilize Intelligent Products, Inc. products in the dispensers that are currently in place. Use of other brands of disposable mitts could be considered trademark dilution and lead to legal issues.