

AGENDA



Thursday, August 9, 2007

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 28**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the State of Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS), with SIMPLEX GRINNELL, Austin, TX for the design, installation, and maintenance of the security and fire alarm system at the Rutherford Lane Campus in an amount not to exceed \$143,264.

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: Cooperative Purchase.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business 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.

On October 6, 2005, Council approved the purchase of commercial property at 1520 Rutherford Lane for occupancy by various City departments. On January 3, 2006, the City of Austin closed on the purchase of this property.

Since that time, several City offices have relocated from leased facilities to the Rutherford Lane campus as user-specific renovations have been completed. As renovations continue, existing life-safety systems are being modified, reconfigured and or/upgraded to meet current code requirements.

This contract with Simplex Grinnell is for design, purchase, maintenance, modification, and installation of life-safety equipment and systems, including security, fire alarm and sprinklers for the Rutherford Lane Campus to address ongoing renovation needs.

Simplex Grinnell is contracted through TXMAS to provide these products and services to public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program established by Texas Building Procurement Commission allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed from contracts that were competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.