Thursday, August 30, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 48

Subject: Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 10 to an interlocal agreement with TRAVIS COUNTY, Austin, TX, for the provision of sign language services, to increase the contract in an estimated amount not to exceed \$40,970 for each of the six remaining extension options, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,081,537.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding for the 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 an Interlocal Agreement; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Prior Council Action: 9/02/04 Approved original 12-month contract, with eight 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$570,717. 8/24/06 Approved award and execution of a contract amendment adding \$25,000 for each of the seven remaining extension options for a total increase not to exceed \$175,000.

This contract provides sign language interpretation services to the Community Care Services Department, the Municipal Court and the Health and Human Services Department. Travis County Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will provide the interpreters for scheduled appointments, on-call services, and emergency needs.

The requested amendment is needed due to increased demand for these services at Community Care Services Department (CCSD) clinic sites. CCSD utilizes interpreters for hearing-impaired patients during eligibility certification, dental and medical appointments, performance of maternity and family planning services and during appointments with nutrition and behavioral health staff.