Thursday, August 30, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 58

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the State of Texas Multiple Awards Schedule (TXMAS) with W.W. GRAINGER INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of personnel protective equipment for City of Austin emergency first responders in an amount not to exceed \$91,991.14.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the 2005-2007 Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism (PAN FLU) grant awarded to the Health and Human Services Department by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Public Health Preparedness Section.

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

For More Information: Lynn Mueller, Contract Compliance Manager, 972-4011.

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 Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will allow the Health and Human Services Department to create a dedicated supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as respirators, surgical masks, and medical gloves to be used in the event of an influenza pandemic. This dedicated supply will be stored in a secure location and will ensure that adequate supplies of PPE are available to City of Austin first responders.

This cooperative purchasing program is established by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission. It 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 Schedule.