Thursday, September 27, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 47

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS to utilize the regional Emergency Notification System in an estimated annual amount of \$10,500.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department.

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

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Purchasing Language: Interlocal Agreement.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be 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 the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This Interlocal Agreement will authorize the City to have access to the regional Emergency Notification System as a backup system to the City's 10-county regional emergency notification system.

In the event of a widespread emergency event, City staff can use this system that interfaces a database of residents' phone numbers and a geographical mapping area to send out emergency messages. The City can record a telephone message and have it automatically sent to all the residents within a predetermined area of the City to provide emergency instructions to residents.

The contract will be in place for one year with an automatic renewal each year provided sufficient funding is available. The annual cost for the City's operational training and maintenance costs is approximately \$10,500.