

AGENDA



Thursday, February 28, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 48**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with ALAMO IRON WORKS, San Antonio, TX, for temporary traffic control devices for the Watershed Protection & Development Review Department in an amount not to exceed \$79,110.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department and various other departments for which services are needed.

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

For More Information: Roy Rivers, Buyer II/512-974-6434

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

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 Cooperative Contract; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Prior Council Action: 12/13/07 – Approved creation of new work group to add 13 new FTEs.

The contract is for the equipment necessary for a new work group (13 new FTEs) within the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department's Right of Way Management section. The purchase will include various temporary traffic control devices (barricades, safety cones, sandbags, etc.).

The creation and addition of this group was approved by Council on December 13, 2007. The new group will be responsible for developing and implementing a streamlined traffic control process for race/walk special events. For specific events, the group will create the traffic control plan and set up and take down the required temporary traffic control devices. In addition, the group will assist the Austin Water Utility and the Public Works Department with the traffic plans and barricade needs depending on availability.

Alamo Iron Works is under contract through TXMAS to provide this equipment to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program, established by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission and now administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 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.