

AGENDA



Thursday, March 27, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 31**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with THE TRANE COMPANY, Austin, TX, for the purchase and installation of two chillers for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$582,300.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

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 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is to purchase replacement equipment that creates chilled water to provide cool air throughout the Waller Creek Center, with the exception of the 10th floor which houses Communications and Technology Management (CTM) datacenter. The datacenter is cooled by a separate heating ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) unit.

This contract will allow for the replacement of two Chillers, a Horizontal Rooftop Unit and a Horizontal Fan Coil Unit at the facility. The HVAC units that are currently housed in the Waller Creek Center are 25 years old and have been experiencing issues with reliability. At the recommendation of City staff, these units are being replaced as part of an overall upgrade of the entire HVAC system located at Waller Creek Center.

The Trane Company is under contract with TXMAS to provide this equipment and services to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and 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.