

AGENDA



Thursday, April 10, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 35**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month installment purchase contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC) with BAYSTONE FINANCIAL GROUP, Manhattan, KS, for the lease of pharmacy management software, computer hardware, and support services in an amount not to exceed \$54,694, with four 12-month extension options for software maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$8,457 per extension option, for a total contract amount not exceed \$88,522.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Community Care Services Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Mario Guerrero, Sr. Buyer 974.2596

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.

This contract is for a lease installment purchase agreement of QS/1 software at Community Care Services Department (CCSD) pharmacies, in replacement of RX Express. This purchase will allow CCSD to continue to fulfill its obligations to the Travis County Healthcare District to operate and manage the District's indigent health care programs.

CCSD pharmacies currently use a software application called RX Express for the maintenance of patient demographic data, maintenance of prescription records, processing of original prescriptions and prescription refills and various other functions required by law and regulation related to the labeling and dispensing of pharmaceuticals. The contract covering RX Express is scheduled to expire at the end of May 2008.

A replacement application has been identified that will address CCSD pharmacies' needs for prescription ordering, dispensing, administration, formulary management and prescription claims adjudication processing. This application will interface with CCSD's existing NextGen software, enabling two-way communication between the two applications for critical patient demographics and medical record information.

Baystone Financial Group is under contract with HGAC to supply this software and services statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process that provides for volume discount pricing.