

AGENDA



Thursday, April 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 47**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with: SOUTHERN ALUMINUM, Magnolia, AR for the purchase of lightweight aluminum folding tables for the Austin Convention Center in an amount not to exceed \$154,014.39; and with CLARIN, DIVISION OF GREENWICH INC., L.P., Lake Bluff, IL for the purchase of steel folding chairs and chair storage trucks in an amount not to exceed \$140,875.50.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$154,014.39 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center. Funding in the amount of \$140,875.50 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Palmer Events Center.

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

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Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority – Owned and Woman Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a cooperative contract; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and no subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established.

These contracts are for the purchase of special use furniture for the Austin Convention Center (ACC) and Palmer Events Center (PEC). The ACC will receive 900 aluminum tables for use at public events held at the Austin Convention Center and are necessary to replace badly worn and outdated equipment. The new tables are made of a lightweight aluminum and will be ordered in six foot and eight foot lengths.

The PEC will receive 1000 all-steel chairs that are needed to replace existing badly worn chairs that are needed for reserve seating for events held at PEC. This contract includes the purchase of 30 chair storage trucks that are designed for mobility and easy setup/take down, as well as efficient storage of chairs.

Southern Aluminum and Clarin are under contract with TXMAS to provide this special use furniture 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.