

AGENDA



Thursday, April 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 46**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, Austin, TX, for the purchase of Xlerator hand dryers with wall box assembly for the Austin Convention Center in an amount not to exceed \$75,832.50.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention 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.

This contract is for the purchase of 150 each of the Xlerator chrome hand dryer and 150 each of the wall box assemblies. This fast hand dryer dries hands completely in 10 – 15 seconds, uses 80% less energy than conventional hand dryers, represents an approximate 95% cost savings versus paper towels, is Greenspec approved and helps qualify for LEED credits. These new items will be placed throughout the Austin Convention Center.

Grainger Industrial Supply is under contract through TXMAS to provide this special type hygiene equipment 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.