

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 21

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with AIR STREAM AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING CO., San Antonio, TX, for the purchase and installation of air conditioning and heating units in an amount not to exceed \$139,429.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

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 Austin Airport Advisory Commission.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of seven heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units in several telecommunication rooms at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). The ABIA telecommunication rooms house the Security System and UPS System for the facility and must be cooled at a constant temperature to prevent overheating of the systems equipment.

The existing HVAC equipment in the telecom rooms was installed to handle a certain heat load. New equipment is being added to the telecom rooms in support of the implementation of the new security system, thus, increasing the heat load in these rooms. This cooling equipment is necessary to provide additional cooling capacity to compensate for the additional heat load created by the additional security equipment. Without this additional cooling capacity, the existing equipment or new security equipment can overheat and shut the system down.

Air Stream Air Conditioning & Heating Co. Inc. is under contract through TXMAS to provide this 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.