

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

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

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with SIMPLEX GRINNELL L.P., Round Rock, TX, for full inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair services of the fire suppression system for the Austin Convention Center in an estimated amount not to exceed \$403,450, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$134,483 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$806,899.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$44,828 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Convention Center Department. Funding for the remaining 32 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

**For More Information:** Michael L. Simms, Sr., Buyer II/512-974-9140

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of two bids received.

**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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established.

This contract is for the inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair of the fire suppression systems for the Austin Convention Center (ACC) located at 500 E. Cesar Chavez, ACC parking garages located at 201 E. Second Street & 601 E. Fifth Street, and Palmer Events Center and parking garages located at 900 Barton Springs Road.

Basic maintenance services shall include scheduled monthly, semi-annual, and annual inspections, as well as remedial maintenance and repairs on an as needed basis. This contract includes an estimated parts expenditure of \$15,000 annually.

The services will cover various areas of these facilities, including the kitchen hood systems, fire suppression systems, air compressors, alarm devices, and backflow devices. Services provided under this agreement will comply with all applicable City of Austin, National Fire Protection Association, and Factory Mutual guidelines as they relate to life safety system maintenance, repair, and inspections.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/2      MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-six notices were sent, including three MBEs and two WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 47 % increase from the last contract award in August 2004. The reason for the increase in cost is due to the inclusion of additional services, as well as new locations were added to this solicitation.

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Simplex Grinnell is the current provider of these services.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Convention Center Department's recommended award
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.