

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 62**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (TXMAS) with FIRETROL PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of a fire alarm system for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$52,235.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007- 2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

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

For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021.

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 the Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this procurement.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This contract is to replace the existing fire alarm system at Austin Water Utility's Glen Bell Service Center that is over 12 years old. The current system is an earlier system made up of 20 zones which has various types of sensors on each zone. If a smoke detector on the west side of the second floor in the facility goes into alarm, the fire alarm control panel will only indicate that the alarm condition is somewhere on the second floor, which could delay the fire fighter's ability to locate the sensor. This situation could result in a total loss of the facility. During a previous annual inspection, it was also identified by the inspectors that this unit will be difficult to maintain due to the unavailability of parts.

The new system has individual identification numbers that provide the exact location for the alarm. Each initiating device, such as a manual pull station, smoke or heat detector, or duct detection unit, has its own unique identification number or "address".

Firetrol Protection Systems, Inc is contracted 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.