

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 71

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 20-month supply contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with VF IMAGEWEAR, INC., Nashville TN, for the purchase of uniforms in an estimated amount not to exceed \$385,000, with one 60-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,155,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,540,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$385,000 is available in the 2007-2008 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining 18 months of the original contract period and extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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 procurement.

This contract will provide for the supply of various type work related uniforms for several City Departments.

This contract will service Austin Energy (1%), Solid Waste Services Department (1%), Austin Water Utility (25%), Public Works Department (18%), Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (11%), Financial and Administration Services Department, including Wireless Communications Division (1%), Building Services Division (17%), Fleet Services Division (7%), Aviation Department (3%), Austin Convention Center Department (3%), Library Department (1%), Parks and Recreation Department (10%), and Health and Human Services Department (2%).

These uniforms will be issued on an as-needed basis through this single contract in order to aggregate the City's requirements. This is to improve efficiency in the contracting and ordering processes and to take advantage of volume discounts. Various types of uniforms will be purchased using this contract, such as: work trousers for men and women, work shirts - long and short sleeve for men and women, walking shorts, jumpsuits, jackets, and coveralls. Financial and Administrative Services Department, Materials Management Uniform Services will place all orders and stock uniforms for the various departments.

VF Imagewear is contracted through TXMAS to provide these products 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.